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“CAN I be your little girl? The words were faintly spoken, as the child raised her eyes to the face of a man who was resting idly on one of the park benches. He started, much surprised at her bold request, and looking down at the ragged waif, a decided refusal was framed on the stern lips. But something stayed the words as he viewed her mournful face.

“Why do you wish to be my child?” he asked abruptly. “Have you no home nor friends?” The blue eyes filled with tears.

“I have been with a gypsy tribe,” she replied brokenly, “we camped in the Benton woods, but last night I fell asleep beneath the pines, and when I awoke, found they had left me in the woods alone.”

“Have you lived with this gypsy tribe long?” “Queen Lura once told me that I must be nine years of age, as it was then five years since Chief Zerona had brought me to the camp.”

Her companion looked puzzled, “I can give you food,” he said encouragingly, “and a home where wanderers can have shelter, but as they neared the gate, and he was about to speak to a policeman, an aged, gray-haired woman came hurrying to his side.

“It does these old eyes good to see my boy again,” she said eagerly, and as she grasped his hand, a light gleamed in the gentleman’s face, which the child had not seen there before.

“Nurse Bisbee,” he exclaimed, “I am glad to see you looking so well.”

“Yes, I am able to work again, thanks to your kindness, and now you are in the city, when can you visit your old friend.”

“I cannot to-night,” he answered, as his eyes turned towards the child, and following his gaze, the old lady stared in amazement.

She called the child to her side, and viewing her truthful face, listened to all she knew of her strange history.

“She was probably kidnapped, and then deserted in the fear of being discovered,” she said thoughtfully, “I will take her to my home to-night, and may decide to have her remain there if she is contented.”

The next morning Mrs. Bisbee went as usual to her work, and while she attended to the sale of her fruit, Mazie arranged the flowers, displaying such taste, that with her sweet face she brought crowds of purchasers to the old lady’s side. She had never succeeded so well in her business, and when Mr. Moreland found time to call, she told him she should keep Mazie, as she was not only an obedient girl, but had proved a rich investment.

Mr. Moreland also observed the rare intellect of his little ward, and when she grew social displaying her pretty dimples, he thought her the most beautiful specimen of girlhood he had ever seen.

“Keep her with you Nurse Bisbee,” he said, upon taking his departure, “and I will provide what is needed for her support.”

So Mazie stayed, bringing much sunshine into a lonely home, and all went well, until one day Nurse Bisbee being prostrated with her old trouble the rheumatism, Mazie was obliged to attend to the fruit-stand alone.

She had arranged her wares calling their names in her sweet voice, when a coarse, dark man came around the corner of the street, pausing in genuine surprise.

He gazed long and earnestly, then stealing across the street, he stepped in full view of the child’s eyes, and quickly uttered her name.

At first Mazie smiled in recognition, for she had experienced no fear of the gypsies, but as he strode forward, and spoke in a cold, harsh tone, she cowered behind the bench, trembling violently.

“Why did you desert your tribe?” he asked “no gypsy should get clear of her people.”

THE GYPSY’S LOVE

By Mary Ella Lawrence

“I did not desert you,” she replied, “you left me in the forest when you went away.”

“A pretty story, when you know you were the only one who could make the gauzy baskets in our camp. Come with me at once,” he said, “I have no time to be lingering here,” but Mazie clung to the hard bench, for somehow Mr. Moreland’s face arose before her, and she did not want to go where she could never see him again.

“I cannot go now,” she said, with as much force as she could command, Nurse Bisbee is sick. Give me time to sell this fruit, and carry the money to her.”

The gypsy knew it would not do to force the child, as he desired no trouble in getting her back to the camp, so requesting her to meet him the following day, he seemed to disappear from her view, but was in reality keeping watch, as he wished to learn with whom she was making her home.

Ralph Moreland was just leaving the house as Mazie entered the door, and wishing to make some inquiries, he turned and followed her up stairs. As he did so he saw Chief Zerona lingering on the opposite side of the street, but would have thought nothing of the incident had not Mazie related her day’s experience to him and his aged nurse.

“Do you remember nothing of your early life?” he asked abruptly.

“No, only that it seems as though I once rode in a nice carriage and was told to look at the squirrels as we drove through the deep green woods.”

Her guardian looked grave. There had been an inquiry made through the papers that day for a blue-eyed girl named Minerva, a gentleman was coming from England to search for a stolen child, and if any person could give a clue to her whereabouts, they would be amply rewarded. Could it be that this little waif was the one whom they were seeking? He would say nothing at present, but he would protect her from the gypsies, as it was evident they had also read of the same reward.

He seated himself by her side, saying he did not wish her to return to the gypsies, and requesting that he might be allowed to provide a home where she and Nurse Bisbee would be safe.

“I will do as you think best,” Mazie replied, so the next day their rooms were left vacant, and Chief Zerona was obliged to return to camp with no news of the hidden girl.

The tower room where Mazie was taken was small but cheerfully furnished, although she looked down from the windows to what seemed a terrible height. The small panes gave her plenty of sunshine, and she tried to overcome her loneliness with the many things which Mr. Moreland so kindly sent to while away the hours. There were books in abundance, and a tiny violin on which she was learning to play, while fresh flowers, and boxes of choice candies found their way to her door each day, but nothing moved her so deeply as when the stars would peep at night, then she would gaze over the woodlands to a small cottage where there

was always a light in the window, for that meant her kind guardian was watching hourly over her, as the gypsies were now growing desperate in their search.

The tower house had been built years before by a man who was tired of the world. It was painted the color of the

trees by which it was thickly surrounded, that it might not attract the attention of the few who wandered through that mountain path. Mr. Moreland had purchased it at the man’s death for a hunting camp, and now refurbishing the tower room for Mazie, he had established Nurse Bisbee as housekeeper, beside several strong men to protect the place.

The vessel on which the man from England sailed had not been heard from, and fear was entertained for its safety, but Mazie’s friends were waiting to learn what would yet occur. They felt that were that ship lost at sea another messenger would immediately be sent, for those stricken parents would never give up so grave a search.

The days passed into months and Mazie was growing tired of her close confinement, though her guardian was to her all that a prince in this world could be.

“I must be a grand lady,” she would say earnestly, “so I shall be worthy of his friendship,” and then proceed to wade through some book, or task he had suggested, because of the love which she was too young to understand.

But with her protector it was different. To watch her growing loveliness and feel that they might any day be separated was not a pleasant thought, he would not admit that love for the girl was the cause of his restlessness, she was but a child, and it was the anxiety he felt for her welfare that caused him to care so much, but when he thought of the people who could claim her, he suffered extreme torture, and many were the hours when he was wrestling over this sad problem, not knowing how to secure the treasure which had entered his lonely life.

Time passed, and one night he drove to the tower house as he had planned to return to the city, the weather having grown so cold he thought the gypsies had broken camp. The rain was bending the heavy branches of the pines, and as he neared the house a loud discord seemed to rend his ears, the dense woods was filled with shrieking voices, with now and then a shot echoing through the air. He pressed on, spurring his horse, and galloping into the midst of the tumult, he found the gypsies surrounding the house, and beating their way to the tower room in search of their hidden prey.

Mazie was dragged forth as white as the dress she wore, but before her kind protector could break through the mob, she was seized by the chief, and raised to the arms of a mounted rider who was waiting to receive her.

The rider touched his horse with his spurs, but the one word “Hold!” uttered from the lips of a man who had just dashed into their midst, seemed to paralyze the whole tribe, for the rider dropped his burden to the ground, and Chief Zerona cowered at that moment as though his brave strength had suddenly deserted him.

“Arrest that man,” the same voice shouted, and two men sprang forward binding the chief’s arms, while another placed the little girl in the arms of a lady who was waiting nervously in the carriage.

Then two or three more of the tribe were detained, and the rest slunk rapidly into the wet forest.

As Ralph Moreland stood by the side of his horse, he heard the lady and gentleman engaged in excited conversation, while kisses were rained on their bonny daughter’s face, but Mazie now recovering from her fright, looked up from her mother’s arms, to see her guardian standing silently, viewing their happy reunion.

She slid down from the

The Passing of Summer

BY HENRY J. METCALF

The hills are bathed in golden sunshine,
Gently rock the trees on mount and crest,
Softly blows the icy breath of winter,
While dark and drear the sky line in the west.

The sumach burns in beautiful golden splendor,
The river wends its way with silent tread,
While in the valley, wrapped in sombre silence
Rests the hallowed heroes of the dead.

Among the pines the wind is softly sighing,
Sets the sun ‘midst silence dark and deep,
Along the pathway, steep and ever winding,
Walks the lonely shepherd with his sheep.

Music fills the silent forest hallways,
The wild birds trill their sombre farewell song,
While clear and sweet o’er marshland, dale and stubble,
Comes the echoing answer loud and strong.

carriage, and running to his side, grasped his coat as though she still clung to his protection.

He stooped to soothe her excited nerves, "You have found your parents," he said tenderly, "the gypsies can trouble you no more."

She clasped her arms around his bended neck. "I want to stay with you," she cried, the tears raining down her face. The lady left the carriage, she and the gentleman both hastening to his side.

"I have been your daughter's guardian," Mr. Moreland explained, raising his hat deferentially, and then in his quiet way, he related all that had transpired since Mazie had found him in the park.

"We are deeply indebted to you," the gentleman said, as he finished his long narrative, "I am Lord Richard Duraus, just arrived from England, and my fortune will forever be at your command."

"I wish for no return but the privilege of occasionally meeting your daughter, should she also care to continue our acquaintance," Mr. Moreland replied briefly.

"That privilege will be yours," Lord Richard responded, and then as Mrs. Bisbee appeared, Mr. Moreland placed Mazie in the carriage with a low farewell, and watched as they started for the city.

"This is nonsense for a man of my age," he murmured, as he turned his own conveyance in the path, "travel will cure these symptoms," and he was soon sailing the broad ocean, where he passed many hours in silent thought.

The years glided on, and at eighteen Mazie was the same sweet child, but grown into the height and stature of a most beautiful young lady. Many were the suitors who would have begged for her hand, but in her quiet way she kept them from offering that honor.

"I do not wish to inflict pain on any of my friends," she said one day to her mother, "and you know I never have, and never can love but one man in this whole world."

"Do you still care so much for your childhood friend?" her mother asked anxiously, "you do not even know that he is living," she said, with a gentle sigh.

"But I can love him just the same," Mazie replied firmly, "You do not know how brave, how true he was when I was without a home, in trouble, and a helpless child."

The tears sprang to her mother's eyes. "My dear Mazie," she said tenderly, "he is a man of the world, he has traveled many years, and may now be married in some foreign land. If he had cared for you he would have returned, and made some effort to renew your acquaintance, knowing that you are now a young lady."

A cloud passed for a moment over her daughter's brow. "That may be true," she said slowly, "but I will still wait, for should another be living in his love, it would make no difference, I shall never marry other than the man I love."

The months passed, the season was at its height, and a grand ball was the next event to claim her daughter's attention. The dress of soft white silk was ready for the spotless lilies with which it was to be adorned, and when the evening arrived, no lady was ever fairer than this girl who had woven the gauzy baskets, and lived so many years amid a gypsy band.

As she entered the hall the music was playing softly behind the screen of foliage, and she was soon deeply engaged for the dances that were to while away the hours, but as she was embraced by her first partner gliding gracefully to the breezy music her eyes met

taken to where her mother was resting, she whispered a low sweet sentence in her ear.

They were forming another dance, and Mazie glancing at her card, was pleased to find it had been overlooked, so declining all invitations, she kept her seat, while her eyes roved for another sight of that much loved face.

"Is this my gypsy maid?"

She started slightly, for in looking before her, she had forgotten the entrance at the side of the room, and her beautiful face flushed scarlet, as she raised her eyes to look again into those stern brown orbs.

"Then you recognized me," she said smiling, "I cannot have change so much after all."

"Yes, you are changed," he said slowly, "from a child to a tall young lady, but there is no spot on earth where I should not have known you, as your face has never been far from my inmost thoughts."

A sweet blissful feeling throbbled through her heart at these words, for they proved she had not been forgotten, and struggling to steady her voice, she spoke of his travels, asking many questions of interest, until as the dancers were returning to rest from their gay exertion, he offered his arm with a pleading look, and led the way to the conservatory where they could be alone.

He seated her by a tall palm, and stood looking down, as if that rustic seat held all that for him was worth having in life, and as he looked, the true silent love which had burned so long in his heart, was now shining in his eyes.

Looking up she caught the reflection, and a quick shyness fell over her, she trembled, and viewing her emotion, he seated himself by her side.

"Mazie," he said solemnly, "I never knew the depth, or the felicity of love, until I met the gypsy child, since that day it has grown and thrived, until after all these years, I have returned to learn if she can reciprocate that love, and be happy to become my bride?"

"I have never loved anyone else," she replied simply, "You were a prince, a hero to the child, to the woman you shall be her one among all, if it is your will."

The hours passed, the engagements were forgotten, and the gentlemen who ventured into the conservatory to find their wayward partner, returned, not having the heart to intrude on such perfect bliss, and later when

over nineteen or twenty, was as bright and clever as she was pretty; Mrs. Grayson, who was still under forty, was very pretty also, and had a flow of keen wit and ready humor that enlivened many an occasion.

He was faithful in the performance of the duty that Mr. Graves had assigned to him, and there was no occasion of enjoyment at which he, with either one or both of the ladies was not present. Sometimes the elder lady could not accompany them and he and Anna went together. Before the six weeks of Mr. Graves' visit had passed, Ned Forrester realized that he too, was in love with Anna Grayson. He was too loyal to Mr. Graves, however, to allow his affection to be made known in any way to the girl. He even went further than this and took advantage of every opportunity to tell of his employer's many excellent qualities and virtues.

If she accepted Mr. Graves, he would resign his position.

September

LONGFELLOW

The September sun is sinking low;
Only the tree-tops redden and glow;
Only the weathercock on the spire
Of the neighboring church is a flame of fire;
All is in shadow below.
Oh beautiful autumn summer day,
What hast thou given, what taken away?
Life and death, and love and hate,
Homes made happy or desolate,
Hearts made sad or gay.

September's Call

Hark! a voice is heard over the hilltops
A voice is heard crossing the lea—
September is here in her beauty,
So, children come listen to me.

Come back to your books and your studies,
Leave your rambles, and soaring, and play.
Leave your fishing and climbing and frolic,
September is calling to-day.

The school-bells are ringing with gladness,
The doors are wide open, and see
The teacher's kind face in the doorway,
So, wanderers, come back to me. —Selected

Lord and Lady Duraus learned of their gypsy girl's fate, they clasped Mr. Moreland's hand with true thankfulness, for they knew he was the only man in the wide world, who could make perfect their daughter's happiness, and life.

September

SARA ANDREW SHAPER

In fallow fields the goldenrod
And purple asters beck and nod,
The milkweed launches fairy boats
In tangled silver the cobweb floats.
Pervasive odors of ripening vine
Fill the air like a luscious wine,
The gentian blooms on the browning waste;
With coral chains is the alder laced.
The blackbirds gather, and wheel, and fly;
The swallow twitters a low "Good-by!"

A Delicate Task

"Look here, Ned," said Mr. John Graves to his confidential clerk, "I have a cablegram from Morrison, and must leave for London tomorrow. You will have to look after some matters while I am away."

"All right sir," replied Ned Forrester, "I'll do the best I can, and if anything turns up out of the ordinary, I will cable you for instructions."

"Oh, the business will run along all right, just as it has when I've been away before; but, Ned, there is something else I want you to do for me. You know Anna Grayson?" Mr. Graves' voice was lower and more confidential.

"Indeed I do," returned the clerk a little surprised, "I met her here and visited her once last summer. She is both charming and pretty."

"That's what she is," retorted his employer emphatically, "I think she is the nicest little woman in the world, and I'm going to try and make her my wife. I urged her to come to town for the winter, and I intended to show her a good time, but now I'll be away for six weeks. I want you to take my place and take her around to the theatre, concerts and anything good that is going on. Mrs. Grayson and her daughter are both here so you will have to arrange for three."

The task that Ned had undertaken, proved to be a very pleasant one. Miss Anna Grayson, who was not

it, and accept an offer he had with a firm in Chicago. This offer he had not seriously considered before, but now the situation was changed. It would be impossible to continue in his present position after his employer was married to the woman he loved.

Mr. Graves returned from London according to promise, and two weeks later called Ned into his private office.

"Ned," said the old gentleman, with beaming face, "you did splendidly for me when I was away. I have proposed to Anna and have been accepted."

"I congratulate you, sir," replied Ned, who was prepared for the announcement, "you have won a charming little wife and you deserve your success. I would like to say a few words to you about my own affairs, if you can spare the time."

"Of course I can. Speak out, boy."

"Well sir, I have an offer of a position in Chicago which I have decided to accept, as soon as you can make arrangements to fill my place."

Mr. Graves was dumfounded by the announcement. "Going to leave me," he spluttered, his red face redder still with amazement and anger, "Are you crazy, boy? Has some one offered you a partnership?"

"No, sir."

"Are you going to get much more salary?"

"Only a hundred a year more."

Mr. Graves looked steadily at Ned for a few moments, and then said, "Ned, this is not like you. You are too good a fellow to leave me when I need you most. There is something wrong, boy, what is it? Has little Anna Grayson refused you?"

"No, sir," returned the other emphatically, "Do you think that I would be so mean as to propose to Miss Grayson when you had told me of your intentions regarding her? No, sir, she has not had the chance to refuse me."

"My intentions regarding her! Ho, ho," and the short, fat form of Mr. Graves shook with convulsive merriment, "Did you think that I wanted to marry that child who has just left off short dresses? It's her mother, boy; Mrs. Anna Grayson, that is to be my wife."

Ned Forrester did not go to Chicago, but when the springtime came there was a double wedding at the Grayson home.

Vick's for 1905-6

It has been our ambition ever since we took hold of Vick's to make it the best all-round family magazine in America for families in the smaller towns and rural districts, and, judging from the hundreds of letters which we receive stating that it is such a magazine, we feel encouraged. We shall make it better in many respects the coming year, and are sure that those who send us fifty cents for a year's subscription or

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will consider it the best investment of the year. Let us have your subscription at once.

those of a gentleman who had quietly entered the room. She knew those eyes at once, they were the same that had given the ragged waif strength, when she had pleaded for help in the park, the same that had watched, and cared for her through all that life in the lonely tower room, and the same that had been filled with a sadness she alone had understood, when he placed her in the carriage by her mother's side, and murmured that low farewell.

But she bravely finished her dance, for joy never kills nor weakens one like sorrow, and when she was

Autumn

When Jack Frost with brush in hand
Wanders gaily o'er the land,
Scattering colors here and there and everywhere,
When the maples overhead,
Glow with russet, gold and red,
It is autumn.

When the orchard's weighted down,
With the apples red and brown,
And the purple clusters hang upon the vine;
When the yellow, tasseled corn,
To the granary is borne,
It is autumn.

When from out the beech trees tall,
Wealth of ripened beech nuts fall,
And the chestnut opens wide his prickly burr;
When the woodbines blush and glow,
All the sunset's splendor show,
It is autumn.

Fanny Fernald Painter



The Rose Feast at Manheim Unique Pennsylvania Festival

By C. B. Tillinghast

There has just been held at Manheim, Pa., the annual "Rose Feast" in honor of Baron Steigel, who founded a Lutheran church there in 1772.

The church was built on a part of the estate of Baron Steigel, and deeded to the trustees of Manheim church for the consideration of five shillings, and the annual ground rent of *one red rose*, to be paid on the first of June forever, if lawfully demanded.

It was demanded by him for two years, and after that the payment lapsed until 1892, when a new church having been built on the site of the old one, the custom was revived with appropriate ceremonies, and has been regularly observed on each succeeding anniversary.

The Baron was a man of note in Pennsylvania for many years prior to the date of this gift, and a picturesque and original character all his life.

Born in Manheim on the Rhine in 1730, he emigrated to this country at an early age, settling in Philadelphia, where he married and resided for many years.

Soon after his arrival in this country he engaged in the manufacture of stoves at a place called (after his wife) "Elizabeth Furnace," and his "ten plate" wood stoves, the first in this country, became famous and brought great wealth to their manufacturer.

As the business prospered he enlarged his plant until it employed a large number of men and embraced 900 acres of land in Lancaster county, on which dwellings were erected and the town of Manheim was founded.

Here the Baron built a great mansion, of bricks imported from England. The house included offices, and a chapel as well as his private apartments, which were splendidly decorated with paintings and tiles im-

ported from Holland, the walls being covered with the richest tapestry.

Magnificent china embellished his table, and his banquets were said to surpass those of almost any mansion in the land.

A cupola on top of the house was arranged for the accommodation of musicians who played during many of his feasts.

Baron Steigel also built and conducted extensive glass works. Much of the glassware is still in existence, and is said to be known by its peculiar ringing sound when struck, and which has thus far defied imitation.

The Baron became an immense landed proprietor, living in princely style, and traveling with a magnificent equipage and retinue. During the Revolution he entertained General Washington at his mansion, and Washington afterwards sent him 200 Hessians, (captured at the battle of Trenton) to aid in extending his works to enable him to manufacture shot and shell for the Continental army, a work which he prosecuted successfully for some time.

Afterwards reverses came, and Baron Steigel was imprisoned for debt, and never fully recovered from his misfortunes.

The new church which was dedicated in 1892, has a beautiful pulpit window, in the centre of which is a large red rose, emblematic of the unique condition of the Baron's gift.

The service which is now annually held in this church is a beautiful one, and attracts large numbers of people from the surrounding country, who come laden with floral offerings, among which it is needless to say red roses predominate.

Here is where the fun comes in for the guests must show quickness of thought if they wish to get many beans in their bags. The hostess can go through the entire alphabet choosing the letters in whatever order she chooses, but it is best not to use such letters as x, y, and z; she should begin with a different letter every time she starts down the row. After the letters of the alphabet have been exhausted, then the guests are ready to go to Boston with their bags of beans. Have a corner of an adjoining room, or if held outdoors, a corner of the piazza fitted up to represent Boston; this corner should be plentifully supplied with books, magazines and pictures of historic interest, for Boston's chief distinction is her literary learning and culture, and her people and places of historic interest. There should be mounted pictures of the "Old State House," "Faneuil Hall," "King's Chapel," and the "Old South Church," also of Longfellow, Lowell, Emerson, Holmes, Motley, Aldrich and other leaders in modern letters that have dwelt in or around this city. These pictures should be for sale, the price fixed in so many beans, the hostess should see that the prices are so arranged that the ones that have the most beans get the first choice of the pictures, but that every guest can carry home a souvenir of the Boston of book and bean fame.

The Darkey Was Left Out

When General Mahone, in Virginia, a few years ago was a candidate for election in his congressional district on the Readjuster and afterwards the Republican ticket, his appeal for the negro vote did not commend him to the favor of the Virginians, and his opponents made him the subject of many amusing stories, one of which is the following:

"I dramp," said an aged darkey, "dat I wuz dead, Mars, en 'fo' I knowed it, dar I wuz, stannin' at de gate whar St. Peter got de key. I knock at dat gate a long time, den attah while Mars St. Peter he holler out, 'Who's dat?'"

"'Tain' nobody but me, Mars St. Peter. I warn git in wid de fo' en forty thousan', 'en wauk dem golden streets.'"

"St. Peter, he holler out, 'Is you mountid or is you afoot?'"

"I holler back, 'I se afoot, Mars St. Peter.'"

"Den you kyarn come in--kyarn nobody get in douten dey's mountid.'"

"I feel pow'ful bad, but I turn 'round, en, bless Gawd, 'fo' I took two steps dar wuz Ginurl Mahone. Den I holler out, 'Ginurl, 'tain wuth while to go up dar, kase St. Peter 'low you kyarn git in douten you's mountid.'"

"Dat so?" said de Ginurl, en he study and scratch his head.

"No, suh," sez I, 'you got to be mountid.'"

"Den de Ginurl say, 'I tell you whut, ole man, you do jes lak I tell you, an' I'll git bofe on us in.'"

"'Duz you think you can wuk it Genurl?' sez I.

"Sho I ken," sez de Ginurl. 'Now, ole man, you jes' git down on yo' all fours, en I'll get on you' back en ride you in. You see?'"

"Dat look lak he cud wuk it, so I git down, en de Ginurl he git on my back en ride right smack up to de gate ag'in. Den St. Peter holler out when de Ginurl knock at de gate--"

"Who's dat?'"

"Ginurl Mahone," say de Ginurl so loud yo' mouten hyerd clean back in old Firginny.

"Den St. Peter, he holler out ag'in, 'Is you mountid, Ginurl, ur is you afoot?'"

"I se mountid, St. Peter," holler de Ginurl.

"All right," holler back St. Peter. 'Ginurl, jes hitch yo' hoss on de outside en wauk right in.'"

A Bag Party

By Pansy Viola Viner

A bag party is something new and novel, and in spite of its commonplace name can be made a very interesting and enjoyable affair either for indoors or out. Slip the invitation cards in small paper bags and paste up the edges or tie with narrow ribbon, and send out.

Partners for the games and contests that are to follow can be chosen in this unique way: in as many small silk bags as there are lady guests put small articles such as, a thimble, a tack, a nut, a marble and so forth; in the bags intended for the gentlemen put in slips of paper on which are written adjectives that apply best to the articles in the ladies' bags, for instance, If his adjective should be "useful" he could claim for his partner the lady holding the bag containing the thimble, making "useful thimble," or if his adjective should happen to be "sharp" then the lady with the bag containing the tack would be his partner. There can be a good nut, a variegated marble, a round cake, a little bottle and such like in the bags. This is sure to break up all formality and bring the guests together, for each gentleman will have to find out the contents of all the ladies' bags before he will be sure he has applied his adjective to its proper use.

As soon as all have found their partners the following contests can be carried out to perfect success, the hostess choosing those best suited to her guests.

"Going to Boston with a bag of beans" will prove a very entertaining game. Seat the guests in a row, then give them small muslin bags that are kept open by small twigs or wire run through the hem at the top and attached to small sticks about a foot long. The guests are to hold these bags in front of them. Then the hostess provided with a bag of beans starts the game. Suppose she chooses the letter "C" to begin on, then the initial letter of the city to which each guest declares she intends to go, as well as the article she intends to market, should begin with that letter. For instance, if the guest should say, "I am going to Chicago with a bag of carrots" or "I am going to Cincinnati with a bag of cantaloups," or "I am going to Charleston with a bag of cabbage" she will be correct; the hostess then drops a bean into the ladies' bag saying, "No, you are going to Boston with a bag of beans," and passes on to the next guest in the row, if he does not speak up immediately or pauses to think the hostess passes him by and does not drop a bean into his bag.



Chicory

Weeds

By Florence Beckwith

The definitions given of "weeds" are various, and sometimes conflicting, and the application of the term somewhat relative. Plants with handsome and showy blossoms like the ox-eye daisy and yellow cone-flower, are weeds to the farmer and flowers to the lovers of the beautiful in nature. Plants which are cultivated for use or beauty become weeds when they spring up where they are not wanted. A definition upon which we would probably all agree is, "weeds are plants which are useless and without special beauty, and especially those which are positively troublesome."

The luxuriant growth and great profusion of some of our most common weeds would lead one to believe that they were native, or indigenous, but a little research proves the contrary. Some weeds are, in truth, cosmopolitan, but many of those which we see every day have migrated from other parts of our own country, and a still greater number have been direct importations from foreign lands.

The ways in which seeds are transported are various. Nature has provided many of them with the means of distribution, having bestowed upon some of them hooks and barbs by which they become attached to the coats of animals, and others have been given wings by which they are enabled to float lightly and gracefully in the air, as the seeds of the dandelion and the thistle, and thus are profusely scattered. The streams, too, do their part in this general distribution. It has been noted, also, of late years that species of plants new to this vicinity are frequently found along the railroad tracks and in lumber yards. The carelessness of man, however, contributes most largely of all to the introduction and diffusion of the seeds of weeds.

Wherever man has gone, the domestic, or common weeds, have followed in his wake, often adapting themselves more readily to their environment than their native homes. It is a question whether the intention of nature in providing for the dissemination of the seeds of purely useless plants is to cover the waste places with verdure, or to compel man to "earn his bread by the sweat of his brow" in his endeavors to exterminate them.

It will be interesting to note the habitat of some of our most common weeds.

Ranunculus acris, the common yellow buttercup which grows so plentifully in the meadows and along the streams, was introduced from Europe. *Camelina sativa*, or false flax, and *Lepidium campestre*, a species of peppergrass, have become abundant in the wheat-fields in some parts of the county; both are said to have come from Europe in grain. *Nasturtium sylvestre*, or yellow cress, was first found in this vicinity along the bank of the river, below the lower falls. It was thought to be so entirely out of range that a specimen was sent to Dr. Asa Gray to make sure that the determination was correct, and his answer was in the affirmative. Since that time it has been found up the river near the mouth of Red Creek, and, later, still farther up, in Henrietta and near Scottsville, in debris left by the spring freshet, showing clearly that the seeds had been disseminated through the agency of the water. *Brassica Sinapistrum* and *B. nigra*, the mustards, are neither of them natives, but when the farmer sees his fields of grain yellow with them, he is willing to admit that they produce more than a hundred fold.

The hardy plant *Capsella Bursa-pastoris*, or shepherd's purse, often attracts attention by its peculiar seed pods, which children liken to miniature guns. It is a native of Europe, as is also *Lychnis Githago*, or cockle, the pretty purple flower found in the wheat-fields. The little chickweed, *Stellaria media*, which keeps green all winter and only asks a little sunshine and moderate weather to encourage it to blossom all the year round, also came from Europe.

Saponaria officinalis. (Bouncing Bet) is often seen by the roadside. It is not a native, but its unpretending and rather colorless blossoms make one wonder where the astounding common name originated rather than where the plant came from. It is, however, a native of Europe and western Asia.

Portulaca oleracea, or purslane, a cousin of our pretty, gaily-colored, garden Portulaca, came to us from the West. Those who

have known the pleasures and the trials of a flower garden will, I am sure, corroborate me in saying that the trials are in great degree owing to the persistent inroads and never-say-die capacities of this little plant. It makes one realize to the very depths of one's heart the expressiveness of the old saying, "meaner than pusley."

Malva rotundifolia, or mallows, the plant which produces the "cheeses" which furnished us amusement in our childhood days, is an importation from Europe. *Abutilon Avicenna*, velvet-leaf plant, is said to have come from India. It has curious seed capsules, which only a generation ago were sometimes used to make impressions around the edges of pies and some old-fashioned people call it the "pie-print" plant. It has the peculiarity of growing plentifully in a place one year and then utterly disappearing, perhaps never again being found in that locality.

The different species of clover *Trifolium pratense*, *repens*, and *hybridum*, can scarcely be classed as weeds, but they are all introduced plants. They are alluded to here merely to call attention to the rapidity with which the last named, *hybridum* or alsike, has gained a foothold here. Although comparatively but a few years since it was introduced, it is now almost as plentiful along our roadsides as the white clover.

Melilotus officinale and *M. alba*, the white and the yellow sweet clover are introduced plants which have increased surprisingly along our roadsides and in waste places. They came originally from Europe.

Daucus carota, or wild carrot, has, all things considered, obtained the strongest foothold in this vicinity of any introduced plant. It is a matter of regret that it has spread so rapidly for it is really a beautiful plant; its finely cut leaves are ornamental at all times, and particularly when they take on a red tint, as they often do, and the dainty little blossoms, which have gained for it the name of Queen Anne's Lace, are very attractive. The dark-colored, abortive blossom almost always present in the center of the umbel is very curi-



Linaria Canadense "Butter and Eggs"

ous; and the peculiar way in which the umbels close up after the flowers have withered makes the plant an interesting study. It came to this country from Europe, and it is only a few years since attention was called to it as a weed likely to become troublesome. Now the fields, meadows and roadsides are white with it, and unless some effectual means are taken towards its extermination it bids fair to take possession of the land.

Anthemis cotula, mayweed, which grows so plentifully along roadsides paths and in pastures, was introduced from Europe. Though plentiful, it is not likely to become troublesome.

We all admire so much the *Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum*, or ox-eye daisy, which has come to us from Europe and which so plentifully bespangles the fields and roadsides, that we are hardly willing to admit that it is a pestiferous weed, but farmers consider it so, and are more than willing that their "city cousins" shall gather all they can carry of the blossoms.

Rudbeckia hirta, or cone flower, sometimes called the yellow daisy, came to us from the West. In that part of our country it is sometimes classed with the "pestiferous weeds," but it has not become so plenty here as to be troublesome. Its gorgeous blossoms serve to adorn our fields and we should regret to have it legislated out of existence. The *Solidago*, or goldenrod, which is so popular that its claims to be named as the national flower have been urgently pressed, though it grows abundantly in many states has not been distinctly proscribed as a weed in any of them. With our beautiful and varied species of *Asters* it makes our roadsides picturesque in the autumn, and we should sadly miss them all were they totally exterminated.

Tanacetum vulgare, the tansy, was introduced from Europe. It is frequently found in masses by the roadside, but as it does not invade the fields it is not troublesome. *Arctium lappa*, burdock, which grows so abundantly in waste places, came originally from Europe, as did the thistles, *Cnicus lanceolatus* and *C.*

arvensis; the last named is, with good reason, proscribed in all the states which have legislated against weeds.

Cicorium Intybus, chicory, came from Europe. Its pretty blue flowers adorn the waysides while the sun shines on them, and it is not so plenty as to be obnoxious.

Hieracium mauritiacum, hawkweed, is an introduction from Europe. Its orange-colored flowers are strikingly pretty, but it takes complete possession of the soil wherever it obtains a foothold and as the seeds are easily borne on the wind and consequently widely dispersed, it is particularly "pestiferous." It has been reported from only a few stations in our district, but whenever found it should be uncompromisingly dealt with.

Taraxacum officinale, our old friend, the dandelion, which makes the lawns look like a sea of gold, has not always rioted in such profusion in this country, for it came originally from Europe. It has real beauty, but it has also this peculiarity, it always looks much more attractive and desirable on our neighbors' lawns than on our own.

Linaria Canadensis, variously known as butter and eggs, Jacob's ladder, toadflax, etcetera, is an introduction from Europe, but is most thoroughly naturalized. Its yellow and white blossoms are pretty, and quite striking when growing in a mass, but it is difficult to exterminate when once thoroughly established.

Nopela cataria, catnip, now so plentiful, came from Europe. Query, what the domestic felines did without it before it was imported. Possibly, though, it came over with the first cat. If not, we imagine that the transports of pussy when the first plant was discovered must even have exceeded those of the botanist who finds a species never before reported in his district.

Plantago major and *Plantago lanceolata*, the everywhere-present plantains, though they have now such strong foothold, are importations from Europe and Asia. *P. Rugelii*, which greatly resembles *major* and for many years was taken for it, is a native. The plants assuredly possess no beauty, but the ripened seed capsules of *P. lanceolata*, under the microscope, are like tiny, crystal chalices, corrugated and fretted. One plant, however, would produce seeds enough for a whole community to admire, so we would not advocate its cultivation for that purpose.

Chenopodium album, the pigweed, was imported from Europe. It strives to cover the waste places, but the plant, apparently, has nothing to commend it; under the microscope, however, the leaves have a beauty of their own.

Two species of dock, *Rumex crispus* and *R. obtusifolius*, and *Rumex Acetosella*, or sorrel, are introduced plants. Like the plantain, the plants have no beauty, but the valves of the seed-covering of the dock and the blossoms of the sorrel are beautiful microscopic objects.

While gardeners and the owners of city or town lots suffer in a slight degree by the occurrence of weeds in their gardens and lawns, it is, of course, the agricultural interests of the country which suffer most by weeds invading the fields. This fact has been recognized by the United States Government during the last three years, and a pamphlet has lately been issued by the Department of Agriculture* containing a report by the Assistant Botanist on the general weed laws in the United States. This report was made in response to a growing demand among agriculturists and legislators for data which will enable them to prepare laws better



Dandelion



Pepper Grass



Ox-Eye Daisy

adapted for the control of weeds than those now in use.

The Chief of the Division of Botany, Professor Coville, estimates that since the whole value of our principal field-crops for the year 1893 was \$1,760,489,273, an increase of only one per cent., which might easily have been brought about through the destruction of weeds, would have meant a saving to the farmers of the nation of about \$17,000,000 during that year alone.

* U. S. Department of Agriculture. Bulletin No. 17. Division of Botany.



"Shepard's Purse"

From the above-mentioned report, we learn that twenty-five states and territories now have laws for the suppression of weeds, but as in many of these laws the proscribed weeds are indicated by common names, which vary in different localities, and as they are frequently designated by such comprehensive terms as "brier," "brush," and "noxious weeds," it is not always clear what particular plants are meant, and, consequently, the laws are quite as much honored in the breach as in the observance. Among plants which are definitely proscribed in various states are the following: the common and Canada thistles, burdock, wild mustard, cocklebur, quack grass, yellow dock, milkweed, ox-eye daisy, toadflax, Russian thistle, sunflower, sweet clover, teasel, wild carrot, wild oats, wild parsnip, yellow daisy.

New York proscribes the following: briars (species indefinite) brush (species indefinite), Canada thistles, noxious weeds (species indefinite), ox-eye daisy, yellow daisy. From which it will be seen that the agriculturist is not in any way limited to any particular species of plants, and that if he carries out the law in a full and comprehensive way by destroying all the briars and brush, and all the noxious weeds on his premises he will certainly be doing his duty to himself and to his neighbors. Just here one great trouble arises. Some farmers do endeavor to keep their fields and hedgerows free from weeds, but if their neighbors do not do the same, their expenditure of time and trouble is all for naught, for seeds from the most noxious weeds are wafted from the adjoining land by every breeze, and every year the same labor is entailed. There should be co-operation among farmers in this respect.

One weed of comparatively recent introduction is creating dismay by its rapid spread and the havoc which it causes. It is generally known as the Russian thistle, although it is not a thistle and does not resemble one, except in its spines. Its technical name is *Salsola kali tragus*, and it is a near relative of the saltwort, a nearly harmless plant abounding on the Atlantic seacoast. It is said to have been accidentally introduced into South Dakota in flax seed brought from Russia. At first it seemed comparatively harmless, but within the last few years it is estimated to have caused damage to the amount of several million of dollars in the wheat fields of the Northwest. It has become such a nuisance that several of the western states have passed stringent laws with reference to it.

There are no Federal laws against weeds, because most of those which are troublesome are local, and because no one weed has assumed such importance as to demand national legislation. But the Russian thistle has gained such a foothold and is increasing with such unparalleled rapidity that, the United States Government, in answer to urgent requests, sent a botanist to the infested region to take observations in the field, and to obtain all possible information from those familiar with the plant as to the amount of damage done, and to devise methods for concerted action to stop its progress and lessen the damage caused by it. The Department of Agriculture, as the result of its labors and inquiries, has published two pamphlets* in reference to this baleful plant, describing it minutely in all stages of its growth and giving illustrations of it, and recommending measures to be taken to destroy it. The plant is what is called a "tumble weed," that is, a branching plant whose top assumes a globular figure and in autumn is detached from the root and rolled over the ground by the wind, scattering the seed. A single plant of average size, two to three feet in diameter and weighing two to three pounds at maturity when dry, is estimated to bear 20,000 to 30,000 seeds. Single plants have been found six feet in diameter, weighing about twenty pounds when thoroughly dry, and estimated to bear 200,000 seeds.

The injury which it causes to crops is, of course, the most important damage done by the Russian thistle. It takes complete possession of the land, crowding out other plants. Flax, wheat, rye, barley and oats all suffer from its effects in the reduction of the amount of the crops and the poorer quality of that which is harvested, and nearly all cultivated crops are injured more or less.

The rigid, bushy character of the plant, as well as its spiny character render it exceedingly difficult to handle. Fields cannot be plowed in which it has been allowed to grow to maturity, and binders cannot be run where it is abundant. The annoyance and even positive injury caused to men and animals by its rigid spines are said to be very great.

The avenues by which the seeds are distributed are numerous. The railroads and even the irrigating canals in the far west, are important factors in its distribution, and they are carried in baled hay, corn, wheat, oats, flax, grass seed, etc. They are supposed to have been brought to some localities in Idaho in the wool of sheep.

This thistle has been reported from twenty states and three Canadian provinces. In Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin it has been declared a public nuisance and stringent laws have been passed regarding it.

* U. S. Department of Agriculture. Division of Botany. Bulletin No. 15.

* U. S. Department of Agriculture. Division of Botany. Circular No. 3. Revised Edition.



Sweet Rocket

By Danske Dandridge

Suppose you have inherited an old country home, where land is cheap and labor dear, and there is scant income to keep it up. You have plenty of room, and no gardener, only a black man of all work; as strong as Hercules, and just five feet square. You are not strong, and cannot spare much time to your beloved garden. Plenty of room means plenty of room for weeds as well as for flowers, and weed-pulling means plenty of back-ache. It is for just such cases that the cheap, homely, hardy perennials are necessary.

"Here we are!" they seem to say: "We are just what you need. Plant us, and give us half a chance. We ask so little, and we will do so much. We will fight the weeds for you; and we will transform your fence-rows; your long borders; your out-of-the-way corners; your waste places everywhere; even the bare ground under your trees, where the humble grass fails to find a livelihood. Some of us will fit in, here, there, and everywhere. You will plant us in unlikely places, and forget all about us. And some day, when you are least expecting it, we will show you our laughing faces with a, 'Here we are! Don't you remember us?'"

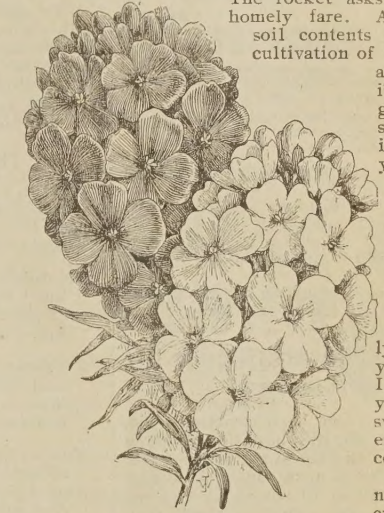
Flowers have characters of their own, just as people have. The sweet rocket, to whom I wish to introduce those who have never made its acquaintance, is one of the most cheerful, contented, wholesome, and good-natured of all the old-fashioned plants that made our grandmothers' gardens so delightful in the long ago.

Botanically speaking, sweet rocket is *Hesperis matronalis*. Why "Hesperis" I do not know, unless the name refers to the fact that its perfume is stronger in the evening—when the dews begin to fall. The English popular name for it is "Dame's Rocket," given to it because it is such a favorite in cottage gardens.

The rocket is a true flower for the million. It is so unexacting, so easily increased, so pretty and so fragrant. Then, too, it makes a good foil and background for other flowers. What more need one ask?

One of its good qualities is that it blooms in May, before most perennials have rubbed the sleep out of their eyes. It is ambitious to enjoy the "sweet o' the year"; and its dewy freshness and fragrance charm us at that delightful period when Lilies of the Valley and Poets' Narcissuses make life in the garden worth while. That, too, is Lilac-time, the best of all out-

door times; when we breathe fragrance instead of air. The rocket asks nothing but homely fare. Any ordinary soil contents it. A little cultivation of the ground;



Sweet Rocket

a little weeding, until it gets fairly started; and it will repay you with plenty of blossoms as long as you live. Your children and grandchildren after you can cherish the homely flowers that you planted. It will keep your memory sweet for generations yet to come.

Some perennials are difficult to raise from seed. Not so the rocket.

It is as easily grown as radishes, which belong to the same family.

I do not claim for this humble cottage flower any superlative beauty. In fact it has some colors that I carefully weed out, and reluctantly throw over the fence into the orchard, where they have taken root, and spread into a large, light crimson patch.

But the white variety, and the sorts that have pale pink, and flesh-colored blossoms are pretty, and capable of fine effects in the mass. Indeed I do not know what one does without rockets in one's garden in May.

There is an irregular hedge of hollyhocks outlining the wire division between grove and orchard here. Among the hollyhocks are many groups of rockets, escaped from the garden. In May, long before the hollyhocks have sent up their tall spires of bloom, there are groups and colonies of rockets bordering the fence, which is outlined with honeysuckle. Just these flowers and nothing else, massed against the honeysuckle, on both sides of the fence, make a pretty picture of what would otherwise be tame and uninteresting.

In many waste places they are useful in keeping down the weeds, and making a brave show of themselves in this time of comparative sparsity of garden flowers.

In what we call the Wild Garden there is a large Multiflora Rose which covers a small mulberry tree. In the latter days of May this rose is in bloom, every cluster a big bouquet of roses, and the whole tree an assemblage of bouquets innumerable. All around the rose bush grow the pale pink and pure white rockets; the plants three feet tall, and flowering in profusion. That is one of the prettiest floral effects of the year.

One caution I must give to those who wish to plant rockets. They will encroach upon other and choicer plants, such as are less fitted for the struggle for existence. They grow and increase like weeds in good soil. They have, like everything else, the defects of their qualities.

But if you have plenty of room and like the hardy, easily contented flowers, that need no coddling, and that are always ready for cutting in armfuls, for the decoration of house and table: if you like the homely, refreshing perfume, sweet as lilac-bloom; plant rockets, the old-fashioned single kind. Give them the right to exist: they will ask little more at your hands.

If, on the contrary, you want a beautiful, choice, fragrant flower, without the spreading propensity of the common variety, a really fine thing that needs and repays extra care, then plant the double white rocket, which you will find almost as beautiful and much harder than the gardenia.

These double sorts, the white and pink, and flesh-colored kinds, will soon run out if they are not looked after. They must be divided every second year, and transplanted into good, fresh soil. They revel in very rich, well-manured garden ground, and do not suffer so much from drought as some other perennials do. This is because they make their growth and come into flower before the summer heats.

While I am writing this the rockets are just coming into flower in my garden, along the orchard wall, in the long borders, and in the beds of perennials among the early doricums, the columbines, the white and deep-blue irises, the peonies, and double white narcissuses. Everywhere they are welcome, and everywhere they rejoice the eye with groups and masses of delicate coloring and sweetest scent.



Early Asters.

BY EDITH WILLIS LINN.

Why are you here to greet the earth so soon,
Pale asters that should greet the Autumn days?
It seems but yesterday the April noon
Was musical with blue bird's song of prairie;
It seems to-day I saw the roses blow
Along the very path where now your pale stars
show.

So much of sadness comes when I behold
Your beauty; for you whisper of the flight
Of time; and how he robs me of life's gold,
And bears me forward swiftly towards the night
You bring me thoughts of all I longed to be;
Of noble dreams that in my youth inspired me.

Sweet flowers bloom but slowly, for in you
Is promise of the autumn's wind and frost.
Bear me some message strong and sweet
And true
To recompense for rose and lily lost.
And lo! The asters ring their tender chime—
"Eternity bears endless bloom and song to
Time."



FOR THE CHILDREN

The Dandelion Cycle.

"Pretty little Goldilocks, shining in the sun,
"Pray, what will become of you when the summer's done?"

"Then I'll be old Silverhead; for, as I grow old,
All my shining hair will be white instead of gold."

"And where rests a silver hair that has blown from me,
Other little Goldilocks in the Spring you'll see!"

"Goldilocks to Silverhead, Silverhead to gold,
So the change is going on every year, I'm told." *Emilie Poulsson.*

The Backward Glance.

By Florence King.

Alice Dove had been promised that when she was ten she should have a room all her own. But her father said: "Unless you begin to pick up your things and to put them in their places no one will be able to get into your room even if I furnish it nicely for you."

The day before Alice's birthday he bought a set of white furniture, and had it sent to the house while Alice was at school. Mother had had the room papered while Alice was away one day, and since that day the door had been locked because mother said, "the room is out of order." Loving hands had snatched spare moments to stitch on the new white curtains, and to reframe two of Alice's favorite pictures.

On the morning of her birthday, before Alice was awake, her father lifted her gently from her old bed, carried her carefully into the new room, and laid her in the new white one. When she opened her eyes there was the new paper with its satin stripe of blue forget-me-nots, the snow white curtains, the pictures of Red Riding Hood and Little Boy Blue, and the white bed, dresser, and chairs. Alice could hardly believe she was in her own home.

"Oh! Is it all mine?" she said. Just then on the stand by the bed she discovered a booklet. On its white cover was the picture of a small girl and on her head in gilt letters the words: "The Backward Glance."

Alice opened it, and this was what she read:

"Once upon a time there were two blue eyes. Their home was on each side of a rosy nose, and just below brown curly locks. They were bright eyes, yet some things they never saw. They never saw the dress that had been left on the floor, the shoes that were not in the shoe bag, the school books in the hall, or the rubbers on the front porch. Those eyes were apt to look straight ahead, especially in the morning as soon as Curly Locks was dressed. Curly Locks had a room of her own; but her father had said: 'Perhaps your room will be given to your brother or sister if you do not keep it neat. It must be picked up every morning before its little mistress goes down stairs. Just before Curly Locks scampers out she must take The Backward Glance. If everything is not in its place, the bedding and night clothing airing near the open window, the dresses in the closet, the chairs in their places, in short, the room in perfect order, she must go back and say these words three times, 'A place for everything, and everything in its place.'"

When Alice had finished reading the booklet she crawled out of the new bed, and tiptoed into her old room. As noiselessly as a fairy, in her white night robe, she tripped around that room and put things into their places. Then she dressed herself neatly, combed her hair all herself, and tiptoed back into that pretty new room. She raised the window, put the pillows and bedding on a chair near it, hung her night robe on

the clothes tree near by, put the chairs in their places, tiptoed out, and closed the door.

Very quietly she opened the door into mother's room.

Before she could say a word mother had her in her arms, and father had put ten shinning dimes into her hand.

"What a wonderful birthday!" was all that she said.

The Littlest Girl.

Auntie, I went to school today,
And I was the littlest girl,
I sat in a cunning little chair,
And a big boy pulled my curl.

He didn't pull so he hurt it,
But I thought he was dreadful mean,
So I put my fingers over my eyes
And peeked at him between.

I suppose that when you went to school
You were never the littlest girl.
You once were? Truly? Truly?
Did somebody pull your curl?

You sat in a great big wooden bench
So high you could swing your feet?
And at recess the big girls came
And gave you cookies to eat?

You marked with chalk upon a board,
And spelled c-a-t, cat?
Why, auntie dear, in our school
We didn't do things like that.

There were only little children there,
And the very first of all
We sang some songs and then we played
With a pretty little ball.

The teacher said the ball was red,
But I knew that before;
We folded paper and played with blocks,
And then we sang some more.

You say you marked upon your slate,
On your first day at school,
And tried to read a primer book
And learn a little rule?

And then, you really went to sleep?
And teacher didn't scold?
Why, auntie dear, how old were you?
Exactly four years old?

Why, so am I. It seems so queer
That you were once like me,
The very littlest girl in school!
It's strange as it can be!

New York Tribune.

When Billy Called.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine by
W. W.

It was September. Seven year old Stanley was fishing. Sitting on the top of an old hemlock stub, his pink toes dabbling in the cool water, his straw hat on the back of his head, he looked like a big sunflower. His hook was made from a pin, and baited with a fat worm, dug from under the pansy bed, beneath the pantry window. Stanley tossed the line out, and waited patiently for a bite. All at once down went the cork, bob went the sinker, and with a quick jerk from the small fisherman up came a perch. Into the basket went the small fish.

Once more he baited his hook, and waited for a bite. He listened to the song of the cat birds, busy with their house-keeping, and the drowsy hum of the locusts. What fun it was to go fishing!

Many days ago his mother had promised him that when he had finished pulling the beans in the garden he should spend a whole morning fishing. So after breakfast she had packed his lunch pail with bread and butter with jelly between, cold boiled eggs and apples. When Stanley had planted a kiss on her rosy cheek he started on his long journey to the foot of the home lot. He had hoped to catch enough perch for dinner.

One, two, three, four, five had been dropped into the basket, when he heard his mother's voice calling: "Stan-ley!"

He listened a moment before he answered, for she had said he could stay

until half past eleven, and it could not be more than ten.

"Stan-ley, Stan-ley!" this time there was no mistake.

He pulled in his line, and started on a run toward the house.

"Stan-ley!" now it was plainer than ever.

"Coming, mother," he called as he ran up the path, through the bushes, and into the sun lit pasture.

Again he heard her calling—"Stan-ley!" loud and clear.

Now he could see her at the kitchen window. But the voice seemed to come from the grove he had just left.

"Did you call me, mother?" he asked? as he ran up the steps.

"No, dear son," and then she laughed, and pointed to the mocking bird's cage. Its door was open. "It was Billy," she said.

"I opened the door and was going to take him out to clean the cage, when he flew out of the doorway. He must have gone down by the creek where small boys go to fish.

Stanley flew out of the door, and mother saw the big straw hat disappear in the bushes.

"Stanley!" he called, and sure enough Billy answered.

"Come home," called the boy.

"Come home," answered Billy.

And "come home" he did, and on Stanley's shoulder. He was a tame bird, and Stanley soon had him back in his cage-home.

That noon, as the family sat at the table eating the perch, mother said: "We might have had more fish, but Billy interfered with the fisherman's plans."

Why Our Tears Are Salt.

By Elmer H. Meyer.

Long, long ago when the world was young, mermaids, half women and half fish, lived in the sea. One bright summer day a group of mermaids were drying their hair on the rocky shore of southern Greece. A great event had happened among them, and in their quaint language they discussed it eagerly. This event was the birth of a baby mermaid—but what a strange baby! The little one had two feet, and was in every way exactly like the fisherman's boys who sometimes dived into the blue sea from high rocks.

Lying in a bed of soft warm sand, the baby grew from day to day. He became stronger and stronger, and in a very short time could stand and then walk alone. He loved the sea, but could swim only a little way, and always preferred to run and play on the beach.

Time passed quickly; again and again the mermaids discussed what was to be done with Neptune, for so they had named him after the god of the sea. He could never live in the water, and if left alone on the shore he would perish. At last the mother of Neptune, with many tears, settled the question. He should go to the fisherman's hut; the woman there would pity him, and she would teach him to live like the children of men.

It was a sad parting indeed, especially because the mermaids must leave that shore forever, since many fishermen were coming there. As Neptune's mother kissed him good-bye she warned him that he must always hide his tears, for they were salt like the water of the sea, and the tears of men were not so.

Many happy years passed in the fisherman's hut, and Neptune grew to be a strong lad. He heard wonderful tales of a place where many people dwelt, and where great ships came and went every day. We cannot blame the son of a mermaid for wishing to go here and there and everywhere. So with a sad farewell he started out to see the world and the great city of which he had heard.

It was not a great city like our cities of today but was very large for that time. How Neptune gazed at the houses and the queer ships at the wharf! One day, a very important day for him, he was permitted to walk about on one of the ships. Suddenly he heard a cry, for some one had fallen overboard. Immediately he leaped over the side of the ship into the sea. The water here was fresh and not salt, and in fresh water it is more difficult to keep afloat, so it was well then that he knew how to swim even better than the sailors. A girl

about his own age was struggling in the water, and would have pulled him down to death had he not been a strong and skillful swimmer.

The girl was saved after a hard struggle, and by rescuing her Neptune gained a home. She was the daughter of a smith whose forge was not far from the shore, and when her father heard of the brave deed of the boy, and saw his strong body he begged Neptune to come with him and learn the trade of a smith.

Neptune worked hard. As he grew into manhood he could swing the great iron sledge with such force that men said he was a second Siegfried. He had always loved the smith's daughter whom he had saved from the sea, and, one day, with much rejoicing she became his wife. Up to that day he had always been called simply Neptune, but on his wedding day he must give his full name, and he said, "I am Neptune Smith."

Now many people say that from the son of the mermaid and the daughter of the smith came the many Smiths that there are in the world, for there were a great many children in this happy family. So many were there, and all so strong, that the king of that land gave to Neptune a beautiful hammer of gold, and to Neptune's wife a dress of fine silk because they had more children than any one else in the world.

But all of these children had one peculiarity—their tears were salt. They never discovered this until a time came when there was a famine of salt in the land. Both animals and men sought for it everywhere. Now a strange thing happened. One day one of the children fell and lay on the ground crying because of his hurt. The faithful house dog ran up and began to lick the boy's face, and then to lick it with great eagerness for he tasted the salt in the tears. Then the cat came and even the pet rabbits would have reached the boy had he not covered his face and run off to tell his brothers and sisters how queerly the animals acted. Some of the children made the tears come, and sure enough, all their pets would run for them to lick their faces. That night Neptune told his children the strange story of his mermaid mother. Then they knew why their tears were salt.

It is not strange that all these boys and girls loved the sea. As they grew to be men and women they longed to travel everywhere. Many of the boys became sailors and travelers going into far countries. Thus it happened that this great family of Neptune spread over the whole world, until now we are all very, very distant cousins, and the tears of all of us are salt; for, as the story will have it, we are, every one of us, great, great, great grandchildren of the mermaid's son and the daughter of the smith.

A Keen Scent.

The neighbor had been requested by Eddie's mother to no longer furnish him with candy, as had been her custom. So it happened that on the occasion of the next neighborly call Eddie's disappointment was great.

At last he remarked, "It seems to me I smell candy."

Importuned so indirectly, Mrs. A. presented him with a diminutive portion.

Looking at it long and earnestly, Eddie was heard to say, "Could it be possible I smelled so small a piece?"

Elva Calkins Briggs, in June Lippincott's.

I Love Sis and She Loves Me.

By MRS. A. R. PERHAM.

Two little children at their play,
Are happy all the livelong day.
Ask either one the reason why,
And you will get the same reply,
"Tis just as easy as can be,
For I love sis and she loves me."

If Bessie wants to play a game,
Then little Belle enjoys the same,
And oft their merry laugh you'll hear,
And loving words so sweet and clear,
"We are so happy, don't you see?
For I love sis and she loves me."

So, little girls and boys, be kind,
Love one another, and you'll find
It makes you happy day by day,
Like Bess and Belle when at their play.
And if inclined to disagree,
Say, "I love you and you love me."

Tangle Town.

New Tangles.

- No. 1, Reversed States.—
The reversed name of a state is concealed in each sentence.
1. You will find my hat, umbrella and rubbers in the hall.
2. At nine o'clock, Roy went to bed as usual.
3. When Melissa sees a snake, she screams.
4. But, then, I am not unwilling to give you another trial.
5. While she lived, Ada ventured at no time to refer to the occurrence.
6. So I hope you will pardon this digression.

Morton L. Mitchell.

- No. 2, Square—
1. A book of maps.
2. Hard, as skin.
3. Gain or profit.
4. To assent.
5. Straight.

Gideon Buchanan.

- No. 3, Charade—
(Partly by sound.)
Come, Susie dear, along with me,
I'm sure it's going to rain;
The second's filled with fairy elves
Who dance a glad refrain.
And forth from grandma's oaken chest,
I'll take this ancient one;
And gently wave it back and forth
While shadows go and come.
And it shall be a fairy wand,
And cast a mystic ray;
And once again I'll mingle with
The gayest of the gay.
And two and rain which oft hath tuned
The poet's lofty lyre;
Shall once again break forth in strains
Of music to inspire.

- Awakening from my dream I saw,
It had not rained a drop;
And lest you take me for a whole,
I must this instant stop.

H. C. Conant.

- No. 4, Diamond—
1. A letter in "Omaha."
2. Distant.
3. A sore.
4. Swindles.
5. The native country of Alexander the Great.
6. To regain.
7. To begin over.
8. A title of respect.
9. A letter in "Omaha"

Morton L. Mitchell.

- No. 5, Charade—
(Partly by sound.)
My first is needed after rain,
My second is a kind of grain;
My third needs brawn as well as brain;
My fourth, a joint my Webster rates;
My whole is one of the united states.

Aileda

- No. 6, Chain Tangle—
(The chain is formed by using the last syllable of each word to form the first syllable of the next.)

1. A metal.
2. Green.
3. An author.
4. A girl's name.
5. Warm.
6. Bad feeling.
7. A frosty mountain.
8. Fossil earth.
9. Certain time.
10. Opportunely.
11. A musical instrument.
12. To quicken.
13. A small food.
14. A narcotic.
15. A bird.
16. Progress.
17. A keeper.
18. To absorb.
19. A bird.
20. A vessel.
21. A duty.
22. Not accurate.

Ottillie Alger.

- No. 7, Charade—
My first comes in winter,
But never in rain;
My second's a game that's
E'er on the brain.
My whole is a flower
Or something you dread,
Especially if one of them's
Thrown at your head.

Clinton B. Fisk.

- No. 8, Square—
1. Cooked.
2. Active.
3. A county of Kansas.
4. A boy's name.
5. Officers in colleges.

Ruthven.

- No. 9, Numerical Enigma—
My 2, 1, 3, is a parent so dear,
My 3, 1, (add a letter) a part of the year,
My 4, 2, 1, a name men oft adore,
My 1, 3, 2, the process of gaining still more.
My 4, 2, 3, 1, and my 1, 2, 3, 4,
A stream dancing south to the Po's shining shore,
My whole, if you now discover my name,
Will backward and forward still spell,
The same.

Flora.

September Contest.

Six prizes will be awarded this month as follows:

1. For the best list of answers from a lady solver.
2. For the best list from a gentleman solver.
3. For tenth best list.
4. For first correct solution received to No. 6, Chain Tangle.
5. For best new tangle, in verse.
6. For best new tangle, not in verse.

Contest closes September 30.

July Prize Winners.

1. Old Foggy, Litchfield, Maine.
2. H. C. Conant, Palmyra, N. Y.
3. Alexander, West Gray, Maine.
4. Flora, Montrose, Pa.
5. Clinton B. Fisk, Chatfield, Minn.
6. Morton L. Mitchell, Orillia, Iowa.

Answers to July Puzzles.

- No. 1. Prize Square Tangle.

- No. 2. Kuropatkin.

- No. 3.
VERONA
EXODUS
ROVER S
ODES SA
NURSER
ASSART

- No. 4. Spare-rib.

- No. 5.

1. Chauncey Depew.
2. George Washington.
3. Abraham Lincoln.
4. James A. Garfield.
5. Grover Cleveland.

- No. 6. Spare, pare, are, re, e.

- No. 7.
CAROL
HOVEL
DEMON
ROVER
NEWER

- No. 8. Man-chin-eel

- No. 9.
F
LAW
LOSER
FASHION
WEIRD
ROD
N

- No. 10. Stale, tale; fun, pun; Pearl, girl.

- No. 11.
CABOT
ABASE
BAHIA
OSIER
TEARS

In the course of an object lesson on the "Cat" in a Philadelphia public school—the teacher trying to find out what her pupils remembered of a previous lesson, asked this question:

"What boy can tell me to what family the cat belongs?"

After questioning eight or ten boys, she was giving up in despair, when a hand was raised.

"Well," asked the teacher.

I think the cat belongs to the family that owns it," was the diminutive pupil's answer.

"Life isn't such a pleasant thing after all," said Chappie.

"Why not?" asked Chollie.

"Well, it's pretty hard, doncherknow, to have to sit at a club window all day to show the world that you haven't to do anything to earn a living."

Gems of Thought.

"Yesterday for you—today for me."
—Sancho Panza's Favorite Proverb.

Observation begets knowledge, and knowledge is power.—"The Schemers."

Traditions are parasites that sap progress, which is life.—"A Parish of Two."

Debt is slavery. It kills the sense of independent manliness.—"A Young Man's Questions."

As it's give' me to perceive,
I most certainly believe
When a man's jest glad plum through,
God's pleased with him, same as you.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Every duty omitted obscures some truth we should know.—Ruskin.

Life, however short, is made still shorter by waste of time.—Johnson.

Language was given to us that we might say pleasant things to each other.—Bovee.

There can be no friendship without confidence, and no confidence without integrity.—Rambler.

One always has time enough if one will apply it well.—Goethe.

God's time I have always found to be the best in the end.—Whitfield.

There are two beings in us—the actor and the spectator.—Sienkiewicz.

Liberalism consists rather in giving seasonably than much.—Brugere.

No man is happy who does not think himself so.—Marcus Antonius.

Discontent is the want of self-reliance; it is infirmity of will.—Emerson.

Superstition renders a man a fool, and skepticism makes him mad.—Fielding.

Women's counsel may not be worth much, but he who despiseth it is not wiser than he should be.

—Amelia E. Barr.

The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.—Mencius.

Politeness is as natural to delicate natures as perfume is to flowers.

—De Finod.

The most amiable people are those who least wound the self-love of others.

—Brugere.

He who forgets his own friends meanly to follow after those of a higher degree is a snob.—Thackeray.

The one thing worth living for—yes, worth dying for—is the chance to make somebody useful and happy.—Anon.

The greatest men have been those who have cut their way to success through difficulties.—F. W. Robertson.

What martial music is to marching men, Should song be to humanity.

—Alexander Smith.

If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldst, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking?—Thomas A' Kempis.

Whoever is satisfied with what he does has reached his culminating point—he will progress no more. Man's destiny is to be not dissatisfied, but forever unsatisfied.—F. W. Robertson.

To Remove Corks.

OWEN J. JONES.

It is not a very difficult matter to remove a cork from the neck of a bottle or jug with a good corkscrew, but it is quite a problem to get a cork out which has fallen inside. A method the writer has found successful is as follows:

Empty the liquid contents. Tie a nail to the center of a piece of stout twine. Drop the nail into the jug, holding on to the ends of the twine. Fill the jug brimful of water. The cork will rise to the neck. Keep the ends of the twine separated so that the cork will be partly encircled by the twine. By drawing up the twine you can work the cork into the neck of the bottle, or at best hold it firm so that a corkscrew may be inserted and the cork withdrawn. A nail or some similar heavy substance is necessary to sink the twine.



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A Heartsease Thought for September.

Not the Success thou gainest will be the test at last

By which the Master judgeth thy service of the past;

But lowly, quiet efforts, the earnest love and care,

The patient, constant spirit, the trustful earnest prayer:

These are by Him recorded, each one by Him is known;

These will He then acknowledge, reward, approve, and own.

Selected.

"What have I done today?" the tired mother asks. "Nothing but take care of Baby, plan and cook meals and 'pick up'! My life is wasted on trifles."

Courage weary mother! The hopeful progress of the world depends on the devotion of good women to just such "trifles." What is a greater work than this—to care for a child and look after the interests of Home? She who with patient mother-love gently prepares a human soul for life's battles does valiant service for God and man. During the first year of a child's life the attention of its mother must, of necessity, be devoted to care of the body; but the body should be regarded as fit temple for the in-dwelling of an immortal soul. Taking care of Baby is then no trifle viewed in this light.

And what are the other services that go to make a happy home? Innumerable as the sands of the seashore for number, in themselves almost insignificant, but as a total serving as does the sandy shore, to stem the swelling tide of outside sin and suffering that menace with sullen roar the sanctity of Home and the safety of Society.—From *Mother's Magazine*.

"It's the songs ye sing and the smiles ye wear, That's a-making the sun shine everywhere."

Young Mothers.

In prickly or coarse flannels. New born babes used thus are cross, teething babes develop the nervous irritation thus aroused into a cause of convulsions.

In stiff coarse muslin or cold linen bands in Winter. Nor is it wise to forget babies constantly have rupture from the careless nurse or ignorant mother's habit of drawing such or indeed any form of bands tight or "snug."

The use of heavy bulging diapers which cause deformity. A habit which often is due to a mother's indolence or rather lack of refinement in respect to the care of the body and is resorted to for convenience, i. e., to avoid many changes.

(Note the deplorable habitual use of heavy waterproof diapers.)

With as many and as heavy flannels for a warm season as for a cold Winter climate; or with no regard for the changeable seasons of Spring and Autumn when dampness becomes a trial.

With starch in sleeves or necks of Baby's gowns. The baby who does not cry over such usage is either an imbecile, a great philosopher, or doped with some suspicious medicine and very likely to soon cease to be any source of care or joy to the vain and foolish mother. Yet 'tis sadly common! I have seen babes whose fat necks were raw bloody creases, others who were dangerously chafed and have been asked to cure the results of starch in one case and unwashed diapers

in the other. More, I have known a sane, educated mother who starched Baby's diapers because they ironed nicer.

With long skirts or very heavy coats. Without hose in Winter and with prickly woolen ones in July. With extra numbers of lumpy buttons or large awkward pins. In short to avoid dressing Baby badly use good sense, "put yourself in his place."

"Go make thy garden fair as thou canst, Thou workest never alone; Perchance he whose plot is next to thine Will see it and mend his own."

"Nothing is too good for Baby" is an accepted maxim among mothers everywhere. In

A Few Words About great bazaars Model Modern Layettes where children's goods

are the exclusive specialty and babies receive an uncommon amount of thought and where the Lady of Millions buys lavishly of dainty creations at wondrous prices you may see "hand made" dreams in dresses and embroidered flannels, sacques, shawls, caps, etc., which would be creditable masterpieces for an artist. The loving heart and generous purse may buy not wisely but too well and the trifles which would create comfort such as Baby could appreciate are minus. Baby does not care whether he looks "too sweet for anything" or not, or that his fine white dress cost Mother sore eyes to make and many backaches to laundry. He, bless his little heart, only craves comfort and lives to be a comforter—if mother will let him!

The modern layette may have endless dainty features and be kept in sachet scented chests but the truly progressive mother has a series of outfits instead of the questionable method of "shortening Baby's long clothes." If he arrives in cool seasons there is no doubt about the utility, beauty, and enduring qualities of swaddling suits—a la mode—for two months and if only for one month's use these are well worth making as they help create a good tempered healthy baby. In very hot climates or hottest seasons these are best made in another form or omitted to be substituted by garments made Gabrielle and to have a dainty lay pillow used in handling Baby. (I have used these with great comfort.) The normal two months baby can be put into garments of such size that no shortening process is needed. Rapid growth may require longer skirts at six or eight months and surely for the year old.

The grand object to secure is quality and quantity and every mother knows a happy baby is just as sweet in simple garments as fussy ones if—he is clean.

Does it pay to make every piece by hand? No, it does not. Sentimentally we mothers love to sew dreams and hopes into the layettes of our little rulers; but we are usually apt to carry sentiment too far, and our health is too truly a main source of Baby's joys or sorrows to be squandered.

I advise all my readers to send for the helpful mail order catalogues sent on request by several up-to-date firms whom I gladly indorse. These are full of hints which are very useful to ingenious women and the little dresses sold as low as fifty cents are far superior to the loving young mother's amateur attempts—as babies know.

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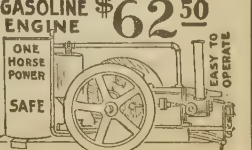
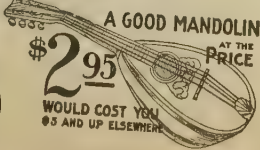
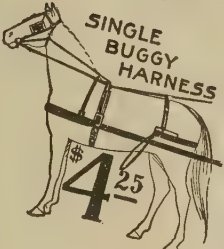
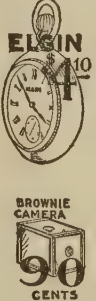
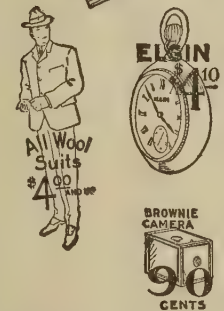
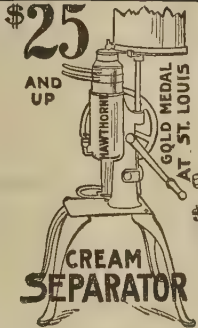
Helpful Books For Mothers.

It may inspire many mothers who feel a sense of useless shame and consider the losses of motherhood almost as a degradation to a new glad, wholesome sense of God's plan as the best and the lot of woman more golden than the embittered

heart perceives if she shall read "The Power of Womanhood" written by Ellice Hopkins, a consecrated self sacrificing, loving woman whose genuine desire to interpret Love and Life to those who blinded by old prejudices, modern conservatism, or personal pain, see only agony in existence and rebel at "Fate" until Death in pity opens their eyes—too late. If you would feel your life work is noble, your powers supreme, your motherhood a mission read this book, my sisters. As a class we mothers too seldom perceive our power because we are selfishly bewailing our lot or foolishly drudging alone letting the children grow as circumstances shape them, resigned to rudeness, profanity, lewdness. There is a better way to live. Many

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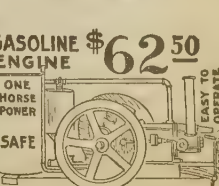
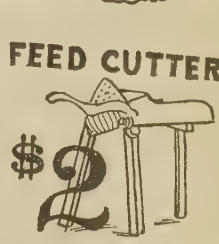
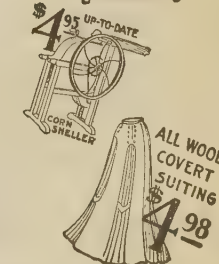
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THE HOUSEHOLD



September Recipes.

M. B. KERECH.

Apple Meringues.—Peel and core half a dozen fine apples; put them in a porcelain lined dish and pour around them a thin syrup made by boiling together one minute half a cup of sugar and half a cup of water. Flavor strongly with lemon and let them boil in the syrup until partly tender; then set, closely covered, in the oven and let them become perfectly tender, but do not let them break. Baste them often with the syrup. When done cool and set away for about half a day or a day, until the jelly in and around them is firm. Then cover with a delicate meringue and brown in the oven. Dredge lightly with powdered sugar and serve cold as a dessert.

An apple pie with meringue is delicious when correctly prepared. Bake the crust first until it is a delicate brown, filling it with fine bread crumbs to prevent its puffing up in the centre. When done throw out the crumbs and fill with simple apple sauce flavored with lemon. Put in the oven and cook until the crust is a rich brown and the filling is thick. Cover with a meringue. Serve cold.

The "putting up" of citron melon need not be the complicated affair that some cookbooks would have one believe. In fact, if the rule given below is chosen, it will prove to be very simple. Some housewives seem to think it necessary to soak the citron over night in a mild brine; others boil it in water first, and then soak it over night in cold water; still others recommend the use of alum. All this is entirely unnecessary. After choosing good melons, peeling and cutting them into squares, boil them immediately with sugar and lemon. Take half a pound of sugar and one lemon to every pound of fruit. Let them cook in water enough to prevent them from "sticking." Cook them slowly for several hours until they are very tender. Then add a good sprinkling of raisins, and seal tightly in sterilized cans. When adding the lemons be careful to cut out all the white inner peel. To be sure of this chip off the yellow part of the rind in small bits, then pull off or peel off all the white inner parts throwing it away and cut the lobes of lemon in thin slices, adding them and the yellow chips to the fruit. In preparing a large quantity of this delicious preserve one will often have enough syrup left over from the first kettleful to cook a second supply. In doing this it will not be necessary to add the full amount of sugar again, and perhaps not the full number of lemons. Add from one-half to two-thirds the given amount of sugar. It is wise to test the preserves from time to time. You do this to see that they are sweet enough and have the right amount of lemon.

If there is any cornmeal mush left from breakfast do not scrape it in cold spoonfuls into a bowl; reheat and allow it to become smooth, then pour into a square cake tin, calculate the amount of mush to the size of the tin, so it will make a cake two inches in depth. Cover when it cools and set in the refrigerator. When it is needed for breakfast or supper, cut into squares about four inches in size and roll them in flour till quite dry. Drop into smoking hot fat and fry brown. Drain and serve hot with syrup.

Fried Egg Plant.—Take medium sized egg plants and peel, cut in half-inch slices, place these in a quart of cold water, in which has been put one tablespoonful of salt; place a weight on top to keep the plant under water, allow to remain for two hours, then remove and drain dry; dip each piece in beaten egg and bread crumbs and fry in fat until a golden brown.

Stains.

Peach and pear stains on linen are some of the most obstinate with which a housekeeper has to contend. Boiling water, useful in the case of most other fruit stains, rarely removes those mentioned. Lemon juice thickened with salt, powdered starch and a little soft soap spread thickly over the stains, the articles then spread in the sun, will often remove them. Sometimes only oxalic acid is successful. It should be used with care, and afterwards the linen should be rinsed in weak ammonia water.

Aids in Illness.

EDITH PETERS.

Into every home sickness comes sooner or later for which it is best to be prepared. When my boy had diphtheria we burned many good sheets, pillow cases and night gowns rather than ask any one to risk contagion by cleansing them. Such procedure is safe but costly. I have since learned a better way.

When my daughter, later on, had scarlet fever, I was prepared. Pillow cases made of cheesecloth, costing three or four cents apiece, made as simply as possible, were used. Their small value made no one hesitate about immediate incineration as soon as they were soiled. Old and worn sheets and nightdresses which we used to throw in the ragbag had been saved and now came into requisition, meeting without regret the same fate as the cheesecloth cases. We used no handkerchiefs or towels, substituting pieces of linen and cotton, long saved for such emergency. They were thrown into the fire as soon as used. The cost was infinitesimal and no laundry was given a dangerous or disagreeable task, and what is more important, no one caught the disease. In convalescence we used old clothing, consigning it to the flames as soon as the patient was liberated. Toys of little cost, mostly of wood, paper and cloth, were used. A paste pot, papers and book for the development of a scrap album—paper dolls, paper soldiers, rag dolls, patchwork, picture cards, games, all inexpensive and inflammable, were used and cremated when the patient had fully recovered. By such simple means contagion from disease may be reduced to a minimum.

Forethought.

KATHERINE KAY.

Why not keep up writing-desk supplies just as conscientiously as those for the pantry? Few households would get along a week without sugar, salt, or soap, yet how many letters are unanswered for the lack of a good pen, a stamp, or an envelope. It is not the expense, but lack of thought that keeps an insufficient or meager supply of the necessary articles on hand.

The smart woman saves time and patience by keeping a shoe horn with the children's rubbers to make their donning easy.

Corn Soup.—Split the grains of one dozen ears fresh young corn, and scrape the cob. Boil the cobs ten minutes in enough water so as to have one quart left after boiling. Remove the cobs, strain water and return to the kettle. When it reaches the boiling point, slowly add one quart cream and then the corn. Season to taste. Boil fifteen minutes. If cream is not obtainable, use milk, and add a generous piece of butter, and just before removing from the fire stir in one small tablespoon flour moistened with cold water and let boil a few minutes.



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To Mend Glassware.

Melt a little isinglass in spirits of wine, add a little water, warm the mixture over a moderate fire.

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Cheese Straws.

Take equal parts by weight of butter, flour, and grated cheese. Place flour and butter together in a bowl and rub with a spoon until every grain of butter is incorporated. D. H. B.

Old Fruit Covers.

Often old fruit jar covers refuse to seal air-tight, in spite of using several rubbers; with such, I use putty; putting it on so that it is both above and below the rubber. Have never lost a can sealed that way. J. S.

Rheumatism.

An excellent remedy for rheumatism is four to eight drops of wintergreen oil taken after each meal. Rub the affected parts with the oil. L. T. F.

In making kitchen aprons put a ruffle on the bottom. If anything is dropped or spilled upon the apron the ruffle will prevent its falling upon the dress.

Pests.

A half pint of gasoline and a teaspoonful of carbolic acid well stirred together and applied to bedsteads with a small brush will rid them of vermin. Do this in the morning, leave the room closed a couple of hours then air thoroughly before lighting a lamp. C. H.

Neat Flower-baskets.

Flower-lovers, your discarded sailor hats will make beautiful flower-baskets.

A piece of wire covered with a bit of braid will form the handle, while the brim dampened will yield readily to the desired shape, and the wired edge will give permanency.

The basket when dry may then be stained with thin paint, almost any desired color. A basin may be set in the crown to hold water or wet moss may be partially wrapped in oiled paper. This basket remains pretty a long time. F. J.

Cleaning Hats.

To clean a white straw hat, mix a wine glassful of ammonia with half as much liquid bluing and a half cupful of wood ashes. Apply freely with a small brush. Pin closely in a newspaper while damp and put away in a dark room for two days and you will be surprised at the result.

Try raw potatoes for cleaning a black suit. Lay pants, coat and vest smoothly upon the table. Cut a raw potato in two, dip in strong, strained coffee. Rub hard all over the articles and when dry give a good brisk rubbing with a whisk broom and you will find that the "shine" is removed and that the clothes really look like new. J. S.

Handy Corners.

When a sleeping room is minus a clothespress, have some nice strips of wood about five inches wide, with hooks attached to the lower half, put on to the wall in the most desirable corner of the room, as high as wished. Have a three cornered shelf made to fit on to the upper side of the strips, the front placed even with the ends of the two pieces. Then arrange a curtain pole, or rod with rings and hooks to hold a full curtain of any pretty, suitable material to extend to the floor, screening the contents of the corner from sight and dust. Different things

can be put on to the shelf, also the floor, but for the sake of neatness do not use those places for "catch-alls". C. L.

Buttonholes.

After the button-hole is ready for working, place a cord (I use the common twine,) on, and cover with stitches, being sure to begin working at the end, opposite, where the wear comes when in use. A. B.

To Mend China.

China may be mended as firmly as a rock in the following manner:

Take the slightly beaten white of an egg, and with a small hair-brush put it on both broken edges to be joined. Then immediately dust one edge with a little unslaked lime, pulverized. Then place the edges accurately and firmly together; hold in place for a minute or two and lay aside to dry.

The work must be done rapidly. J. R.

To Make Sticky Fly-paper.

Three ways:

(1) Boil to a thick paste one pound of resin, three and a half ounces of molasses, and the same quantity of linseed oil.

(2) Boil together linseed oil and resin until the compound becomes thick.

(3) Boil three parts of resin and four parts of rape-seed oil till the mixture is thick and sticky.

Spread any of these compounds on heavy paper. J. R.

Good Starch.

I discovered one help in the laundry, which may prove as great an aid to others as it did to me. I had always had trouble with my starch, and unless I bought the patent gloss starches, put up in ten cent packages, I could not do cold starching at all. I tried a number of things, and finally hit upon borax, now I have no trouble. Buy the common lump starch at five cents a pound, and use a large teaspoonful to two quarts of boiled starch. Dissolve the borax with the raw starch in cold water, pour on boiling water as usual, and then thoroughly boil. For cold starch, use a liberal pinch of each half pint of water, having soft water and luke warm. E. L.

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Are your kettles, skillets and other iron cooking utensils black and greasy outside from long use?

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Helps for Home Dressmakers

By May Manton.

The task of the home-dressmaker is ever one requiring care, consideration and much thought, as well as the needle-woman's skill, but at no season does it present more problems than at this one, when summer is giving place to autumn and children of all ages are returning to school. Vacation it apt to play havoc with the wardrobe, whether its owner be child or woman. Real cool weather is some weeks in advance and it seems a bit early to prepare the gowns of autumn, yet the first school days are at hand and suitable costumes are required. In short, it is a between-seasons time and to the economical mind its demands, while recognized as urgent, seem to involve disproportionate expense, so that the mind turns naturally to remodeling and to that re-making which will bring forth the new from the old.



5065 Blouse or Shirt
Waist, 32 to 40 bust.

This year there are many helps thereto. Skirts have and will undergo little change but it is ever the waists that are the first to give out, and the up-to-date sleeve, the last new yoke or some similar detail, if carefully selected, will often so freshen the whole as to make the entire gown seem new. Sleeves always are vital. More surely than any other one feature do they determine the date of the garment. If there is not enough material to entirely remodel, they can be quite easily changed or modified. Again, it is the yokes, together with the sleeves of children's frocks, that are first to give out. Patterns Nos. 5097 and 5115 will be found helpful and suggestive for the younger girls, while 5053 and 5112 will help out the older sisters and the mothers. The yokes and sleeves are admirable and will quite renew any frock if bits of new material are to be found. Both styles are good and it is really needful only to make sleeves to match the waist, as yokes give a far better effect in contrast. Plaids and checks both are



5120 Tucked Blouse
Waist, 32 to 40 bust.

are to be worn this autumn, and either one combine well with plain material, while, if the dress itself be plaid, the yoke can properly be of plain color, trimmed or of tacked silk. The little dress 5115 is replete with suggestion in addition to serving as an admirable model in itself. As shown, it is made of cashmere, with the yokes and cuffs of the material embroidered in a



5053 Misses' Tuck
Platted Sleeves,
6 to 14 years.

simple design. When remodeling is to be accomplished, these can be of plaid or checks or some figured material. Besides being exceedingly pretty and fashionable, the frock gives a hint as to lengthening a growing girl's skirt, that it is well should be borne in mind. The tucks are an addition but are not necessary, and any straight full skirt can be cut over



4996 Nine Gored
Umbrella Skirt,
22 to 32 waist.

and joined to such a yoke, so obtaining the necessary length with the least possible amount of labor, and making an altogether stylish and new skirt. For the older girls, the new sleeves 5053 will be found a boon, as they will give any waist a smart, new look, while grown-ups will be glad to make use of 5112. These last are pretty and graceful and suit any afternoon dress, as the elbow length is to be much worn. They do not require a large amount of material and are very simple. Often it happens that the wrists become worn and soiled while the upper parts are good. The sleeve with the cuff will help out with such and is always becoming. If the length is an objection, dainty long fitted cuffs of muslin and lace or embroidery can be worn with them, tacked into place under the cuffs or the frills. These are to be bought ready-made, both with and without chemisettes to match, but can quite easily be made at home by pattern 5023, which, however, is not shown here.

Children are quite sure to be the first care just now and therefore are being especially considered. Pattern No. 5119 is one of the newest and best and is just what is needed when the older girls' dresses must be made over for the younger. Real shirt waists are not becoming under fourteen years of age, but this blouse is charming and either can be made to match the skirt or in contrast as liked. When made separate it is both attractive and practical made of washable material, but cashmere and challie both will be used and plain colors always are good with plaids, checks or mixtures, while checks or hures make exceedingly good waists for plain skirts.

Skirts have undergone no radical change but are showing variations. This neglected model No. 4996 is one of the best and the newest and is so simple to make that it commends itself to the home dressmaker at a glance.

There are nine gores, so shaped as to be absolutely smooth over the hips, while they flare abundantly and freely at the lower portion. Their very number renders each one narrow and for that reason the skirt can often be cut over from an old one, but even when this is not the case it will be found an economical and desirable pattern for the reason that if cut from plain material without up or down the quantity required is small, while there is very little labor involved in its making. The fullness at the back can be laid in inverted plaits or the skirt can be cut off in habit style if better liked.

5119 Girl's Blouse with
Platted Skirt,
6 to 12 years.

5112 Fancy Dress
Sleeves,
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The costume consists of the blouse, the skirt and the body lining which is faced to form the shield. The skirt is laid in backward turning plaits and is joined to the body lining, closing with it at the centre back. The blouse is made with fronts and back and is fitted by means of shoulder and under-arm seams. Its neck edge is finished with the sailor collar and the lower edge is turned under to form a hem in which elastic is inserted that regulates the size. To the left front is attached a patch pocket and chevrons are applied on the full sleeves that can be either tucked or gathered at the wrists where they are joined to straight cuffs.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (10 years) is 6½ yards 27 inches wide, 5½ yards 32 inches wide or 4 yards 41 inches wide, with 1 yard of white linen to make as illustrated.

The pattern 4748 is cut in sizes for girls of 6, 8, 10 and 12 years of age.



Pattern No. 5079.
Morning Jacket

A graceful and becoming morning jacket is always certain to find a welcome, for no matter how many the wardrobe may include, there is always sure to be room for one more. This one is in every way desirable yet is absolutely simple and involves the very least possible labor in the making. In the

illustration the material is lawn with trimming of Valenciennes insertion but everything seasonable is appropriate for the design batiste, linen and all the thinner washable materials, while for the slightly cooler days the scotch flannel and albatross are well liked, with any pretty banding as trimming.

The jacket is made with fronts and back, the fronts being laid in plaits which are pressed into place for their entire length while those at the back are stitched to yoke depth. The sleeves are in flowing style, gathered at their upper edges, and the big collar finishes the neck.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4½ yards 27, 33½ yards 42 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide with 7¼ yards of banding and 2¼ yards of lace for frills.

The pattern 5079 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4739.
Child's Dress.

In spite of the popularity of trousers among wee, small boys there is a brief period when they legs refuse to be so covered and when dresses are essential. This very pretty little model is well adapted to wear during that time and is also suited to little girls of more mature age, being correct for them to the age of six. The model is made of pale blue chambray with collar and belt of white linen and is charming, but there are numerous other materials that suit it equally well. It is simple, can be laundered with ease and is thoroughly comfortable and satisfactory to the little wearer as well as smart.

The dress is made with fronts and back and is laid in box plaits at centre back and front with tucks on either side that extend to the shoulders. Both plaits and tucks are stitched to the belt, pressed into place below. The closing is made invisibly at the centre and the belt serves to keep the fullness in position. The sleeves are laid in one box plait each and are tucked at the wrists.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (4 years) is 4½ yards 27 inches wide, 3½ yards 32 inches wide or 2½ yards 44 inches wide. The pattern 4739 is cut in sizes for children of 2, 4 and 6 years of age.



Pattern No. 5009.
Fancy Blouse Waist

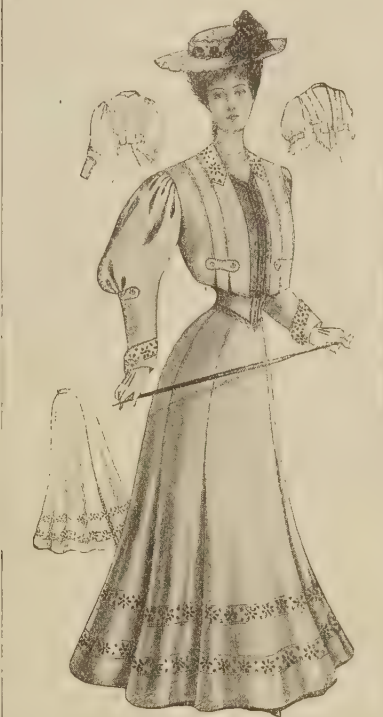
The waist that has a chemisette effect makes one of the smartest and best liked of the season and renders possible many attractive combinations. This one is adapted to almost all seasonable materials and would be equally effective in soft silk and soft wool with the chemisette either of lace or

of embroidered muslin, but, in the illustration, shows pale green messaline satin combined with ecru lace, over chiffon only, and trimmed with bands of taffeta. The long lines given by the box plaits at the front mean a slender effect to the figure while the shirrings at the shoulders provide fashionable folds. The sleeves are among the very latest and are so shirred as to avoid excessive breadth of figure.

The waist is made over a smoothly fitted foundation which can be cut away beneath the chemisette and cuffs when a transparent effect is desired. The closing is made invisibly at the left of the front and there is a softly draped belt which also is closed at the left side.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4½ yards 21, 3½ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide with ¾ yards of silk for belt, 1 yard of all-over lace and 2½ yards of lace for frills.

The pattern 5009 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 5031 and 5074.
Five Gored Umbrella Skirt 5031.

There is no skirt more graceful or more serviceable than the plain gored one cut in umbrella style, that is smooth over the hips with graceful and abundant flare below. In the illustration is shown a most satisfactory model made of novelty suiting, trimmed with bands of braid, but which is admirable for all the heavier materials of the season, cheviot and similar suitings, mohair, linen and a long list of other equally desirable ones.

The skirt is cut with five carefully shaped gores and can be laid in inverted plaits at the back or cut off in habit style as may be liked and is specially well adapted to washable fabrics.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 6½ yards 21, 6¼ yards 27, or 3¾ yards 44 inches wide with 12½ yards of braid to trim as illustrated. The pattern 5031 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inch waist measure.

Eton Jacket with belt 5074

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The Eton is made with fronts and back that are divided into sections and are joined beneath the inverted plaits that are stitched into place. The long sleeves are made to puff above the elbows and are plain below and can be finished either with cuffs at the wrists, as in the case of the model, or with the plain portion of contrasting material and with cuffs at the elbows, as in the smaller illustration, while the elbow sleeves are finished with cuffs and frills of lace.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is 5½ yards 21, 4½ yards 27 or 2½ yards 44 inches wide with ¾ yards of contrasting material for vest, ¾ yards all over lace for collar and cuffs and 2½ yards of lace for sleeve frills when these are used.

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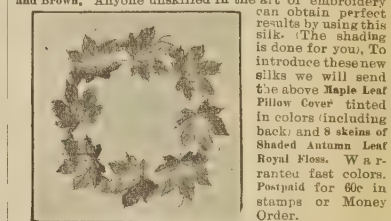
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Heart Talks BY MRS. CATHERINE WALTER

NOTE: The object of this department is to place all subscribers who are in need of sympathy and advice in communication with a woman of large experience and warm sympathies who will give each case her careful thought and consideration.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. Catherine Walter, 168 E. 61st Street, New York City.

Dear Friends:—I suppose many of you read in the papers the accounts of the terribly hot weather from which we suffered for a time in New York City, and of the many deaths and prostrations in consequence of the heat. It was so suffocating for several nights that people were suffered to sleep on the grass in Central Park, which is our beautiful great park, without interference by the police, who at other times keep a strict watch to prevent anything of the kind.

You people who live in the country with God's free air all around you cannot imagine what it is to be cooped up in a dark or half-dark room in a New York tenement, breathing the same air with two or three others—you may suppose what kind of air it is in the crowded quarters of this big city—for rents are so high that a large family is often crowded into two or three small rooms.

The new tenements provide for more light and air, but there are only a very few of these and the rents are increased in proportion to their fitness for human habitation. If young men and women who long to come to the city could see some of the conditions of life here, they would think twice before giving up their simple country life, with its healthy, domestic interests, for the hubbub and turmoil and struggle that is the lot of nine-tenths of the workers in this and most great cities.

A few years ago, many of the tenement children had never seen a green field, or wild flowers blooming, or heard the birds singing, but kind people organized fresh

air excursions and sent these poor little brothers and sisters, and their mothers, too, into the country or to the seashore for a holiday—and how they do enjoy it and talk about it and remember it, and how much good it does them!

Whenever you get dissatisfied with your lullum country life, think of the crowded tenements in New York, and be thankful that, at least, you and your children have God's beautiful grass and trees and flowers around you and all the fresh air you want to breathe.—Mrs. W.

From an Anxious Mother.

Dear Mrs. Walter:—I want to ask your counsel in regard to one of my daughters who worries me greatly. She is about fifteen years old, and gives me more trouble than all the rest of the family. She is what is called wayward, and no one ever had any influence over her but her father, and now he is dead she seems to be worse than ever. If I speak to her she answers saucily. Sometimes her elder brother reproves her and then she bursts out crying and becomes almost hysterical with anger. All this worry, added to my house hold cares, is making me nervous. Can you suggest what I should do, as you seem to be so practical and kind-hearted, and I should appreciate any advice you may give me.—Anxious Mother.

Anxious Mother:—I can quite enter into your feelings about your wayward girl, as I know someone who is very much like her, and it shocks me every time I hear the rude, disrespectful way she speaks to her parents. In this case it is really their own fault, as they over indulged her when she was little, and even now they think she is wonderfully smart, although her behavior worries them very

much and is exceedingly unpleasant to strangers.

Possibly your child may have some nervous irritation, owing to some condition of health, and if you have any reason to think such may be the case speak to your family doctor, if you have confidence in him. But if her health is perfect and it is just "ugliness," I should take her aside some day and have a good talk with her. Talk quietly, but very firmly, and slowly, and do not let her speak until you have gotten through what you have to say. Make her understand distinctly that you intend to be treated with respect and that you are ashamed to have strangers go away and make remarks on her behavior to you. Children in these days have so many advantages of schooling that their parents could not obtain that they are apt to put on airs, and are only too ready to take advantage of their parents' admiration and acknowledgment of their supposed superiority, quite forgetting that their parents have the experience of life and human nature that it will take them years to acquire, and that this experience is worth more than a smattering of book-learning. Many parents are actually afraid of their children, but this is a great mistake. As long as children live at home and are dependent on their parents, they should be made to understand that their parents are the head of the household.

Do not get angry, but point out to your girl that you are speaking for her own good, and tell her that if she will try and control her temper and be pleasant you will give her a nice treat at the end of the month. Tell her it is just as easy to get into the habit of being polite as of being saucy, and everyone will think a great deal more of her. Try this plan.—Mrs. W.

Letter from "Reader."

Dear Mrs. Walter:—I followed your advice in writing to that person I spoke about in my letter and received a very nice letter from him in reply. He said he had no good reason for leaving as he did, except that someone had said something that made him think I did not really care for him and he was too proud to find out if it were true and

went off without a word and then was ashamed to come back. He asked me to write again and I hope we shall be good friends, if nothing more. I want to thank you so much for your kind, sensible advice.—"Reader."

Smoker:—In your letter you ask what I think about smoking. Well, personally, I dislike it exceedingly,—in fact the smell of tobacco smoke suffocates me, and if that is the effect on a perfectly healthy, normal person I think it goes to show that the action of tobacco must be injurious. Men who smoke declare it soothes them, but I think it simply stupefies them and blunts their sensibilities, and they imagine they are soothed, when in fact they are simply stupefied.

This is my own individual opinion, but, besides that, it seems to me a dirty habit, and moreover, anything that becomes a habit that you cannot control—this is a man's way of talking—should be broken off at once, with firm determination that you will be master of yourself and not the slave of any appetite. Judge for yourself.—Mrs. W.

Mrs. Walter:—I have read your letters in Vick's Family Magazine and would like to ask you what you would advise me to do in the case I will describe.

Someone in whom I am very much interested, and who appears to be very fond of me, has lately taken to drinking—not to excess as yet, but enough to make him rather quarrelsome sometimes. Formerly, when he came to see me he was always considerate and happy, and in fact good company; now, he becomes irritable about some trifle, and if I lost my temper I suppose we should have a regular quarrel. As it is, it worries me a great deal and if he gets worse I would not want to keep company with him. Would you advise me to speak to him about it?—Worried.

Worried:—I should advise you to find out if the person you mention has any business troubles, as that would make him irritable, and so would a run-down condition of health. But if you think you are right in your surmise and he should continue to be disagreeable, I think I should speak to him about it; and if he does not care enough for you to give up drinking I would certainly advise you to break off your friendship before you become more interested, for if a man will not reform before he is married he is not likely to do so afterwards.—Mrs. W.

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Mrs. Dr. Murray

The Money and the Marriage came as Predicted.

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MRS. DR. MURRAY,

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You recommended me to deal in ladies' dress goods. I am doing so and have been very fortunate. You also pictured my health correctly.

CORA G. WILSON.

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In The Garden



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In September Days.

Nature's holiday we sometimes call this month; but from the present outlook it will be anything but a leisure time for us. It is a good time however, to take account of stock now, and looking backward over the past months of labor mark some of our failures if we may, and learn the reasons therefor. Failures I say, for I am sure that none of us can plead "not guilty,"—at least I know of one who dare not enter this plea, and just here I make note of some of them, hoping thereby to assist some other one.

First then we make a serious mistake in sowing too few peas, both early and late. In the last number we spoke of the profits of a small area, and had it been five times larger we would have been that much ahead. Our later sowings matured the latter part of July and we again found our supply far short of the demand, and this leads us to suggest

Some Points as to Marketing.

Our town is not large, and other growers had them as well as we, but we have found a vast difference between peas and—peas. In the first place, we aim to sell only such as we like for our own table and this means to pick them at just the right stage: neither too young or too old. This requires much care in picking but it pays well, for if too small, the buyer is not getting full value,—and if too much matured they are an abomination, and the consumers who know a good thing when they see it will hardly care for a second installment of overripe peas. So then, they should be picked at just the right stage, and should also be placed in the consumer's hands just as soon as possible after picking. To be at their best they should never remain over night after being picked; and when possible to adhere to this rule it brings customers and also holds them when once they are aware of the fact.

We supplied both stores and private customers, and this method of handling them was largely responsible for the demand. Other peas were grown and sold but we for the most part named our own prices. So the mistake was in sowing too few, and this we hope to rectify in the future.

We were also short on radishes and could easily have sold many times more than we grew. Much of the trade was supplied from the large cities that might have been handled right at home. So it pays well to study the markets and know to a certainty as to the demands of the home trade.

Early cucumbers were also in the minus quantity with us, and might easily have been ready for market two weeks or more earlier than we had them. There is a handsome profit in growing them but this depends almost entirely upon the earliness of the crop.

The above is only a meager showing of mistakes, and these may be noted now and rectified another year. Some mishaps and serious ones, too, have been, and still are in evidence; but we in part console ourselves that some of them were incurable and so have to be endured. If rightly viewed and properly applied, they will be useful in the years to come as waymarks to point out some of the pitfalls that border the pathway. But leaving the past let us note some of the

Present Duties.

Now the spring supply of bunching onions should be provided for and September 15, to later, owing to locality, is the time for this work. Ground previously occupied by some other crop, provided it is rich, will answer the purpose. If not properly fertilized already, make sure of plenty of available plant food. If possible to obtain it, work in

plenty of well rotted stable manure, and a liberal supply of wood ashes used as a top dressing will be of great benefit. Avoid using ground that has been recently used for onions as the onion maggots will be less troublesome on new ground. If seed is used, sow just as early in the month as possible; but if sets are to be planted then later will do. Plant in drills twelve to fourteen inches apart and keep the ground clean. Winter mulching will be beneficial and may be removed in spring. As soon as they begin spring growth, hoe the soil up to the plants hilling them up like celery. This bleaches the stalks and makes them very tender.

The Spinach Bed.

We are unable to speak for others of course, but as for me and my house there is nothing more wholesome and appetizing than early greens. Fall sown spinach makes the earliest of all and is available even in the winter. It is a gross feeder and for best results requires rich soil. If a small area only is available it may be sown broadcast in beds; but by all means sow in drills if possible, as the ground can be kept loose and free from weeds during the autumn. For all regions north of the Ohio river winter protection should be given, and this may consist of coarse litter of any kind. In general, mulching is not required south of that line. In the north, the covering serves two purposes: not only protection from too severe freezing but it is also more easily gathered when thus protected from the snow. As to varieties for autumn sowing the Prickly Winter and Long Standing are best. Of the former variety, the term "prickly" applies only to the seeds: not to the foliage or edible part. Long Standing is so named from its habit of remaining in edible condition for a long time before going to seed. The accompanying figure is a very true illustration of the Long Standing variety which is second to none either for autumn or spring sowing.

Sweet Corn.

In previous years we have made quite a specialty of sweet corn, endeavoring to have it in continual succession from earliest to latest season. We have cast about us much for an extra early sort that would be comparatively free from smut which seems to be the bane of nearly all extra early sorts. Last year, a friend sent me a few ears of a variety with which I was unacquainted, and before my earliest sorts were in anything like edible condition. When ripe, I procured some of the seed for trial the present season. Our home coming was late and thus we have been late in all our enterprises this year. We did not plant the corn until May 19th which was nearly three weeks later than we ordinarily plant, but it matured fit for table use in sixty-two days. There was very little smut in evidence and planted at the same date as another extra early sort, it was easily two weeks ahead of that variety. It was not planted on my earliest ground and, truth to say, was not well tended; but ideal conditions would I think bring it close to the fifty-five day mark. Another season's trial will give a better idea of its early quality and we hope it will bear out our hopes of a record-breaker.

Busy Times.

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scarce and withal very unreliable, and to pay high wages for little service and poor at that is anything but encouraging. The labor problem both as to out and indoor work is becoming serious, and apparently the end is not yet. In ye olden times it was the ambition of hired help in general to see how much work and how well it *could* be done in a given time. Generally speaking it is now the effort to see how little can be done, and how high wages may be exacted for the same.

Our two girls, nine and eleven years of age, have been much help during vacation and in addition to their regular duties earned some money in the berry picking. For this work we paid them the same as others were paid viz: two cents per box and we found them more careful and all in all, better help than others whom we hired. We would not be understood as unduly praising our own girls; but we are striving hard to teach them to do their work well. Doubtless they have had more training along these lines of work than many other children and thus are better able to perform such tasks than others with less insight and practice. They of course, are interested in the financial side of the question, and very properly so too. But we are striving to teach that that is by no means the whole of the matter, and that there are higher incentives than the mere dollars and cents.

A little later on, we hope to inaugurate some new departures in the garden departments and to this end shall ask our readers to give us their experiences both successes and failures with their results. So we ask our friends, at least those interested in the garden work to keep some record of what they are doing - and how they are doing it so that in good time we may hear something of their year's work and the results.

Brief Notes From Billville.

There are only two citizens of Billville in jail now and one in the legislature.

It's our opinion the race problem could be easily solved by more plowing and less preaching.

No other candidates for governor have announced within the last fifteen minutes of our going to press.

Most of our people have made enough this year to pay all their debts and get full Christmas.

Thank heaven for bountiful harvests. We'll soon be able to shout halleluia and invite the preacher to dinner.

Justice Jinks performed the marriage ceremony for five widows on Wednesday last. The men were timid, and gave feeble responses, but the widows answered firm and lively.

Blackening Stoves.

To keep stoves shining with the least possible labor. At stove cleaning time provide several paper bags, a pair of men's canvas gloves, a good brush, several large pieces of old flannel, two smaller soft cotton rags, a package of stove polish and a bottle of the following mixture from the druggists: Gum asphaltum, one and one-half ounces; burnt alum, one and one-half ounces; turpentine one and one-half pint. It will cost about twenty cents and will last a long time.

Mix stove-polish with soap suds to the consistency of thick cream. If the stove is a badly rusted one, it is wise to scrape the roughest spots and wipe with an oiled rag, (kerosene) before blackening.

I use the paper bags to protect my hands when applying the mixture, as it hardens the gloves; the latter save the hands through the polishing process.

The bottle must be well shaken before each application. Pour a quantity upon a cotton cloth, treating the top of the stove first and before the "varnish" dries, rub over it with another cotton cloth the prepared polish, brushing until dry. Then proceed downward in the same manner, coming back often to rub the dry surfaces with a second brush or flannel. Too large a portion should not be treated to the mixture before the polish is applied or it will dry too quickly.

This process results in a beautiful brightness, improving with every rubbing and lasting the season. H. D.



The seventh in a series of twelve articles by Chester A. Olmstead, the well-known authority on honey bees. I hope these articles which began in our March issue, will induce many of my readers to keep one or more colonies of these wonderful little workers.—Ed.

The Drone Bee.

With the closing of the honey season comes the passing of the drone.

The air is no longer filled with the loud hum of their great strong wings, they have had their day; it may have been sweet, it certainly was short. They toil not, honey they have not gathered, neither have they helped build the beautiful white combs; yet one cannot justly speak of them as the lazy drones. They show as much if not more energy and vim, are just as industrious in fulfilling their mission as is the Queen or worker bee. A drone bee can't gather honey any more than a rooster can lay eggs, because he is not made that way. They would starve in the midst of the sweetest clover field that ever bloomed.

In order that you may get a better understanding about these bees and the Queen, let us go back to the early summer. At this time every normal colony raised from a few thousand to many times that amount of drones all depending on the amount of drone comb in the hive. (Drone cells are one-fourth inch across while worker cells are only one-fifth inch across, and not so deep, and a drone cannot develop in a worker cell.)

As soon as these drones are old enough they go out of the hive in the middle hours of all fair or warm days and fly around in search, or at least are on the alert for any young Queens that may have come out for the purpose of mating with them. It is here, in the open air often not above the sight of man that the mating takes place, the drone bee dying instantly. The Queen then returns to her hive and in a day or two begins to lay, and will lay fertile eggs—often three to four thousand a day—for from two to four years, without mating again.

We have slight evidence that some Queens have mated more than once before beginning to lay, but we have only a vague suspicion that it ever occurs after a Queen has commenced to lay.

This being the case, one is apt to wonder why a colony rears so many thousand drones when only one or two is absolutely necessary. But it is a wise provision of the Creator. If a colony had only one or two drones the young Queens might be in the air all day and not meet one, especially if there was only the one colony in that location. As it is there are thousands, and near a large apiary there may be millions in the air, but as they fly many miles from home, covering a whole township, they are not much crowded after all. It also leaves little chance for close or in-and-in breeding.

While honey is coming in freely the drones seem to be congenial associates, not only in the colony where they were hatched, but in any colony they may enter, and often join colonies that are miles away from their original home.

As the honey flow ceases the bees seem to know that they will have no more young Queens and therefore no use for drones, and they are no longer welcome. Their own colony either drive or starve them out, and when they enter other hives they are stung to death the same as a strange or robber bee would be, unless the colony is Queenless or has a virgin Queen, then they are welcome.

The drone has no father, he is merely the son of his mother. If a Queen is not mated with the drone bee before she is two to three weeks old, she begins to lay and the eggs hatch out perfect drones, but never any worker bees. If a pure black Queen mates with a yellow Italian drone, the worker bees from her eggs will be mixed, often all the way from black to yellow, but the drones will all be black and free from any trace of the yellow or Italian blood.

The drones' lot is not an enviable one; he starts with but one parent and if the honey flow stops before he is ready to hatch he is jerked out of his cradle and thrown out of the hive. He is wanted while useful and stung or starved to death whenever business is not booming.

What a Chopping Machine Can Be Made to Do.

WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION.

The chopping machine was primarily intended for overcoming such cuts of meat as were considered nutritious, but which defied the edge of a knife, and for disposing of sundry left-overs in such fashion as to beguile the uninitiated.

While much has been done towards simplifying household labor, the ordinary housekeeper is, after all, rather limited in the amount of machinery at hand, and for this reason, perhaps, soon learns to press whatever she may have into uses of which even the inventor did not dream. In this way the first name of "meat chopper" was soon changed to "chopping machine," and almost anything that has to be chopped can be passed through it with good results.

By passing cheese through the machine it can be prepared for a rabbit in about one-fourth of the time required for grating it. This is especially recommended for cheese that is a trifle stale, for it comes out in fine light flakes, with no hint of its apparent age. The machine-prepared cheese is the best for sprinkling over spaghetti, since it is free from the lumps which are apt to be found in cheese which has been grated, or chopped in a bowl with a knife.

There was a time when a vegetable soup on the day's menu meant hours of preparation and cooking. With the use of the machine in preparing the vegetables, time and fuel are saved and the result is superior in flavor and appearance to the soup made in the old laborious way. While the meat is cooking over a slow fire, to extract all the juices, the vegetables are pared, then placed in cold water. Each kind is chopped by itself, using the different knives for the various degrees of fineness desirable for the kind of vegetable used. Cabbage should be chopped with the coarsest knife, whether it is to be used in soups or boiled by itself and served with a cream dressing. Carrots, onions, parsnips, turnips, etc., should be chopped with the medium-sized knife or the smallest of the blades, for the finer they are chopped the less time required for cooking. When the soup is made, these vegetables may be strained out and used with chopped meat for vegetable hash, or served in the soup itself, since the particles are very dainty.

Broken pieces of crackers should be put away in a covered box, and when croquettes are to be dipped and rolled, or a scalloped dish of any sort to be made, or even a cracker pudding, the contents of the box can be passed through the machine, which reduces them to fine powdery crumbs of uniform size, which are superior to the crumbs of all degrees which result when one attempts to powder crackers with a rolling pin. It is possible to secure broken pieces of crackers that are otherwise "as good as the best," for very little, and a jar of cracker crumbs can be kept on hand for immediate use, instead of preparing a small quantity each time when needed. Crackers that are a little stale or soft can be placed in the oven for a few minutes, before they are passed through the machine, and they will lose all trace of staleness. Broken bits of bread can be placed in the oven to dry out, and then reduced to a powder by the machine, using the finest knife in the set. This can be kept in a screw-top jar and used for puddings, stirred into stewed tomato, for rolling some kinds of croquettes and for eking out cracker crumbs, not only as a matter of economy, but because some dishes are improved by using part crackers and part bread crumbs.

Chocolate, for use in fudge or for icing, can be powdered with the machine, using the finest knife, in much less time than it requires to grate it, and with infinitely less labor. Lemon and orange rind, instead of being grated, can be peeled from the fruit in a very thin layer, and chopped with the machine. For iced water-melon, pass the red portion of the fruit through the machine, using the medium-sized knife, and then prepare for freezing. Any fruit that requires crushing and straining can be prepared in the machine, and the juice caught in a separate bowl. Large fruit of any kind that is to be used in fruit punch or for an ice can be prepared in no easier way than by using the machine.



POULTRY



Conducted by VINCENT M. COUCH.

NOTE.—We will be glad to have our readers ask any questions on perplexing subjects. Those of general interest will be answered in these columns. Address questions to V. M. COUCH, Moravia, N. Y.

Questions and Answers.

Have you tried breeding Belgian Hares? If so with what success?
Ans.—I have bred Belgian Hares in a small way for several years and found both a profit and pleasure in them.—J. L. G., O.

At one time I kept quite a number of Belgian Hares and was very successful with them. I sold good many for breeding purposes and to the market. Have had none in four years. Towards the last not so much call for breeding stock, they are heavy feeders and will consume much more food than they need, if given to them.—A. L. F.,

I have tried the Belgian Hare business and my experience is that there is not any money in it. Only at certain seasons of the year is the meat fit to eat, and owing to the liability of the demand decreasing I do not think them profitable now. One or two pairs for the children to be used as pets are all right.—E. S. F.,

Belgian Hares are something I have never bred extensively, I have, however, had experience enough with them to know that they are an interesting little animal, and by careful study and attention they may be turned to a profit. I find that their appetites are always good, and that they will eat much more than is required if freely given to them. They seem to thrive well in quite close confinement, dryness and cleanliness being of first importance. They are a ruminating animal like the cow and sheep and eat fodder with a relish. Clover and alfalfa is excellent for them. I shall keep more as I get better facilities for handling them, however I would not advise any one to undertake to raise them unless they have the time to feed them and look after their hutches for if kept in a neglected manner they will be neither a pleasure nor a profit to the owner.—V. M. C.,

In what form do you feed meat to your fowls in winter, meat scraps, meal or green bone, what quantity and how often?
Ans.—I feed raw cut meat and bone to my hens in the winter, costs two cents a pound fresh from the butcher shop. About one ounce to a hen twice a week.—J. L. G.,

I always feed green cut bone and meat when I can get it, at least twice a week, one pound to eighteen or twenty hens. It costs two and one-half cents a pound here and not always to be had at that price. When I can get green bone and meat, I feed meat, meal or scraps three or four times a week. This I give in the mash, but the green bone by itself. Of the meal or scraps I feed about one part to three or four of other feed, corn meal, ground oats, bran, etc., in the winter I can see a difference right away in the number of eggs I get whether I feed meat or not. I know it makes eggs.—A. L. F.,

I feed meat, meal or scrap, prefer meal. Have formerly fed about ten percent. every day. Have been hopper feeding of late and find the fowls eat about the same quantity with good results.—J. G. Whitters.

I feed my fowls meat in the form of meat scraps. Any set rules can not rightly be given as to amount to be fed. A great deal depends upon variety and condition of stock. If one wants to save eggs for hatching too much meat is not good, not more than two or three times a week mixed in a mash of meal composed of oats, corn and bran, say one measure of meat scraps to four or five of the ground feed. To stock kept just for eggs this mixture could be fed every day. At noon mix mash as dry as possible and feed only what will be eaten up, in ten to fifteen minutes.—E. S. F.,

This question of feeding meat to poultry is one that comes to me often, especially during the fall and winter. I have fed meat in some form ever since I kept fowls for profit and that is for more than fifteen years. I doubt if there is any one

feed that has more influence on the egg yield in winter than meat. I feed the green meat and bone when I can get it, three times a week, one ounce to each medium sized hen to a feed. I know that too much meat, and especially fresh meat, will cause bowel disorder and for this reason I always give the green bone and meat by itself. Then they are not likely to eat more than is good for them, while if fed in the mash they may get too much. Some keep the meat, meal or beef scraps, in a dish before the hens all the time and when fed in this way they are not apt to overeat of it. There is not the danger with the dried meat that there is with the fresh any way. Good meat, meal or scraps help to make the mash appetizing, so I add a little during the winter, about one part to four or five parts of corn, meal, bran etc. I don't know that a hen will lay more eggs by feeding the dry meat in addition to the fresh bone and meat, but it helps to make a good mash. Feeding meat is like feeding some other kinds of food. If hens or chickens are denied access to it and then it given to them freely at once it will cause trouble, so if given to access it should be fed regularly or be before them all the time. Both the dry and green meat should be good and fresh. There is much so called meat, meal, beef scraps, blood, beef and bone, etc., that is not fit to feed anything. I would buy from a reliable dealer, even if the cost be much more than the others ask.—V. M. C.,

The following questions are to be answered in October.

What plan do you have for giving the fowls exercise when shut in the house?

Do you think there is any advantage in using nest eggs?

What style and size house would you build for twelve or fifteen fowls, and what would you estimate the cost to be?

Send in your notes of experience on the above questions.

Asks for Information.

I am fixing over an old building for poultry and would like to ask a few questions about arranging the fixtures, etc. How long should I have the perches for fifteen Plymouth Rock hens. How many windows and what size for house twelve by fourteen feet. What style nests would you use and how much yard room should I have for the fifteen fowls.—H. N. M. You should give one foot of space to each rowl on the roost. Two windows, three feet square will answer, or the same space in one window. I would place the windows high enough so the sun will shine nearly across the floor. For a plain kind of a nest, I like them made so as to attach to the wall and movable, place them two feet from the floor, have two or three nests in one box, with partitions between, openings in each end next to wall and lid on top to reach full length, slanting cover. If you wish to know which the best layers are then use a trap nest. A yard one hundred feet long by twelve feet wide will answer nicely, or if you grow the green food outside for them a yard twelve by fifty feet will do.

Leaves for the Scratching Shed. Charred Bone and Corn for Hens. Kerosene a Useful Remedy for the Poultryman.

Sheds for poultry to work in are so much used now that to get plenty of scratching material, some use leaves, which are very good while fresh and dry, but they soon become broken up and filthy. They get in this shape sooner than chaff or straw, and when they are in this condition are apt to soil the plumage of the hens, for this reason such litter should be cleaned out and renewed often.

Both bone and corn charred is good for the hens, each tends to purify the blood and aids digestion, however bone treated in this way will not take the place of

green cut bone, for the charring process consumes all the animal oils and this is the most valuable part. Fresh cut bone and meat have been found to be one of, if not the most valuable egg making food that we have. But there seems to be a good many poultry keepers who have not yet found it out, at any rate they do not use it and wonder why their hens will not lay. Then there are others who abuse it, by feeding too heavy of it.

Kerosene is a very useful thing about the poultry house. For roup it often effects a speedy cure but should be used carefully. If you notice in the morning among your hens that some have stiff necks, or apparent soreness of throat, which hinders them in swallowing freely, or dimness of sight, causing them to turn their heads to one side, or other symptom, like cold, it will be well to apply some kerosene. I generally give it from a small machine oil can. Hold the bird firmly, then open the mouth and draw the neck straight out and apply the oil in the throat also some in the nostrils. Then relax the tension of the neck until the bird swallows the oil. Nine times out of ten, if the fowl is taken in time, and it may some time be in the second stage of the disease, three or four days treatment will bring it out all right. Very often the troubles in such cases are allowed to run until the disease gets all through the flock. In which case thorough treatment must be resorted to, or a great loss will surely follow.

How to Get a Profit from Farm Poultry.

The women folk of the farm are probably the largest poultry raisers of this country, and I am sorry to say that it is often under very discouraging conditions too. It is much to her credit that the work is made as much of a success as it is. A large per cent of the men on the farm are not "stuck on fussing with hens," but for all this they might do as much as to make things, convenient for the women to carry on the work, it's to their interest to do this and shows a sort of short-sightedness on their part when they neglect it. On a great many farms there should be a better and warmer house for the hens than there is, but this is an improvement that is put off for a more convenient time, and the chances are that not even a cleaning out is given the quarters by the men folks.

I believe there is no time of the year when it pays so well to give extra attention to the poultry as in the fall, and this season as we all know is a pretty busy one on the farm. However any farmer who is reasonable about the matter should take time to clean up the hen house, such as it may be, apply a coat of white-wash, put a fresh lot of gravel on the floor, and while dry weather lasts, gather a few barrels of dust or dry dirt for the hens to roll in this winter. This much can certainly be done and then the good woman can perhaps fight out the rest.

There are probably some window lights broken or out, these must be replaced, for it is very important that the hens have plenty of sunshine. As cold weather comes on the hens take less and less exercise, until when settled winter weather is here you will find them standing bunched up here and there all day. This will never do, this is one of the conditions that make fall and winter eggs hard to get. See that there is an abundance of straw or chaff for litter, and scatter all the dry grains in this. Doing this part regularly goes a long way towards getting and keeping the hens in shape to produce eggs. The bug and insect crop will soon be over, so lay your plans to furnish some green cut bone to the hens at least twice a week. A bone mill to cut the bone with yourself is not very expensive but it may be as cheap and more convenient to buy from your butcher already cut. I have known of flocks being started to laying by feeding fresh cut bone when no other feed seemed to have any effect on them. It is surely a great egg producer. Scraps from the table, cabbage, beets and other vegetables are great winter feeds, and help to save

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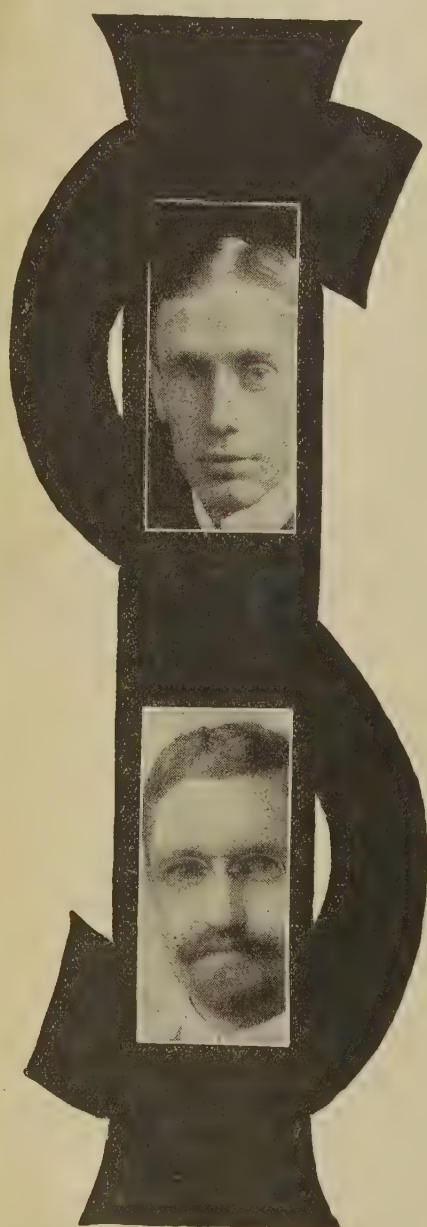
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Squab Raising.

(MOULTING.)

At this season of the year pigeons are more or less liable to an attack of disease, due to changeable weather and their tendency to moult. During the moulting period give them a little extra attention. Their feeding troughs should be kept clean as well as all parts of their building. Give them good sweet grain and often a change to keep up their appetites, for they are somewhat off their feed during this period and if not fed a variety their young will not grow so fat as at other times. Besides feeding good sound Red Wheat, little Buckwheat, Hemp Seed, Millet, or Hulled Oats should be given, and a mixture of Canada Peas and Spring Wheat Screenings is also very beneficial. They are exceedingly fond of Canada Peas and as many can be fed as wanted. The only hindrance is the price. They sell at about \$1.50 per bushel, but it is not necessary to give them more than one fourth their rations of wheat. On cool afternoons give a full feed of cracked corn. (Sweet and fresh cracked) and where the weather is warm give only every other afternoon. Never feed corn in connection with any other grain. A rusty nail in their drinking water will help as a tonic supplying sufficient iron to help them. When one moults too hard, or one becomes weak, take it away from the others (or they will kill it) and put it in the Hospital. With a sharp jirk pull out all the large tail feathers. This in some way adds to their strength.

"Going Light" is a disease which afflicts pigeons sometimes to an alarming extent and great precaution should be taken to prevent it. It is seen mostly in lofts that are neglected in some way. It may be due to impure water, foul or moldy feed, but lack of proper grit is the main cause. Where birds are well kept very few cases will occur. The bird becomes very thin and drinks rather than eats. It stands huddled up in some corner and finally cannot fly. If not taken in time it wastes away to a mere skeleton finally dropping over dead. Take such a bird out soon as the disease shows itself for they most always have a diarrhoea and it is liable to contagion. Pull out its tail feathers and feed corn and hemp as much as it can eat. If it does not improve, it is best to end its life from suffering. This disease shows itself mostly among young birds a few months old when moulting, although older ones do get it.

There has been considerable trouble this summer with squabs dying of Canker, a disease of the throat. A cheesy substance forms in the throat and enlarges so as to prevent them being fed by the old ones consequently they die of starvation in a short time. This disease is caused by a peculiar miasma in the atmosphere and is noticed mostly when the weather is changeable. Sudden cool spells following extreme heated spells often causes canker. When there is a tendency to Canker among a large number of squabs try to prevent it causing more damage. There is little use in doctoring the afflicted ones for they will die anyhow, but doctor the whole flock. Put a piece of alum in their drinking water the size of a cherry to every bucketful of water. This generally prevents any more cases occurring for a long time. Beginners do not become frightened at this warning for you may never see a case of either of these diseases. Hope you will not, but a few words might help if such should come. There is very little loss in this business provided one attends to his flock properly, for birds well kept seldom need a tonic. Do not expect as large and fat squabs during moulting, for the birds are passing through a trying ordeal and consequently their young will feel the effects also. During this period they have more or less fever and do not eat so much but in the course of a few weeks when they have grown their supply of feathers they regain their strength and usually commence to breed active again. During moulting they will not breed and do not urge them to. If they are attended properly they will come around all right. During chilly nights such as we have in September close the windows which would cause a draught to go over them. It is not necessary to close all windows

but the ones in the ends of the buildings or any other where chilly blasts can blow over them. Birds catch cold easily during moult and a little neglect sometimes causes considerable anxiety and often takes a long time to remedy, so give your birds proper attention and with it use your own judgment and also try to learn something others have not found out. There is much to learn and no one yet knows all about Pigeons. There are some who claim to, but they will finally find out they know very little.—J. A. Summers.

How to Get a Profit from Farm Poultry.

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on the grains. There are probably some hens in the flock that have scaly leg, others too fat, while some have passed their days of usefulness by age, these had better be cleared out right now to the last one.

If I was to point out the one thing in poultry keeping that I believed has more to do in making the business a success than any other, I would say selection. It is as plain as the nose on your face that you cannot get eggs from a lot of hens unless they are of the right kind. It will be better to save only a very small flock and have them healthy and of the proper sort than to keep a large lot and have them composed of all kinds.

Now a little about lice and mites which are making a good deal of mischief with the average farm poultry raiser. They are a decidedly bad thing to have with hens, and to get entirely rid of them will require a strong effort on the part of the attendant, but by keeping at them they may be kept down so as to give the fowls little trouble. Plenty of crude oil and a good lot of dust for a bath is a pretty sure remedy for them.

There is no such thing as making a very big success out of a lot of hens without hard work and close attention. Some have tried it, leaving the work out, but they are not counted among the successful ones today.—V. M. Couch.

Warm-Weather Layers.

It is the experience of poultrymen that nearly all the hens lay during the warm term, which is as it should be, and if there are any non-producers it is because they are sick, injured or becoming broody. Plenty of food is required by hens that are laying, but those that are not will convert the food into fat and flesh instead of into eggs. If it can be done it will be a good idea to separate the laying hens from the others when the food is given, but if the hens are allowed to pick up their food from the range or orchard it is not necessary to separate them.

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FRUIT NOTES

Red and Black Raspberries.

We were happily disappointed in our crop of this fruit. They were not well tended last year and the rows were much too full of canes, which prevented thorough culture this year. Fortunately the ground is good and copious rains matured a nice crop. They came unusually early for this section, being ready for market June 28, and continuing until Aug. 1. Prices were fairly good, ranging from eleven to fourteen cents per box, the former wholesale and the latter retail prices.

We prefer the red to the black for market purposes, and while some of the growers of this section think the latter the best money crop we are not so convinced. The black caps were very large, in fact, the largest I have ever seen, and promised a fine crop; but for some reason a good many failed to mature and thus the yield was short. We thought the wet weather would carry them through nicely; but they were disappointing. It is not easy to assign any reason for the failure, as two patches treated entirely different shared the same fate. One piece standing out in the open ground, for unavoidable reasons received but little care. Upon this plot the tips were put down last fall for new plants. It was late this spring before the canes were cut loose from the plants, and while it gave them a splendid start, it no doubt taxed the parent plants too heavily for the good of the berries. The young plants standing between the rows prevented cultivation, as we were obliged to carry them over for fall setting. This may be one potent reason for the partial failure of the crop; but the same trouble was noticeable in the piece under entirely different treatment. This piece stands in a pear orchard and, of course, is considerably shaded. No tips were put down, and while the ground received no culture the plants were heavily mulched in the spring so that the hills are almost entirely free from grass or weeds.

Many of the berries were enormous in size, but many also failed to mature, so that the shortage was fully equal to that of the other piece.

The growth of canes has been perfectly enormous in both cases. This, of course, we could not prevent, and it may after all be the reason for the short crop.

If others have had like experiences we should be glad to know of them with their theories as to failures.

Fall Care of the Strawberries.

It is generally conceded, we believe, that from now on the strawberry plants are forming their fruit buds for next season's crop. If so, now is the time of all others that a liberal supply of available plant food should be at hand. For best results, they require all the nourishment that they can assimilate, and we need not worry as to overfeeding. "Feed the plants and they will fill the baskets" is an adage worth remembering. Fine, well preserved stable manure is doubtless the best all-around fertilizer that we can use and a liberal supply evenly spread over the surface will be of great value. Wood ashes if obtainable, are also valuable, but should not be used in connection with stable manure. Droppings from the poultry house are valuable but should be mixed with dry loam or other like material in order to prevent burning the plants.

Fall Setting of the Bush Fruits.

We like the autumn for the setting of raspberries and blackberries, and are preparing to set quite extensively of red raspberries; but shall not do so until the latter part of October. This will give opportunity to clear the ground of other crops and we believe it is better to set late in order to prevent fall growth of canes. The roots, where broken, will callous over and be ready to send out feeders as soon as spring growth begins. Care should be taken to set so that water will not settle around the plants, and later on they ought to be covered with at

least a shovelful of manure to each plant. With this treatment they will begin growth in spring before the ground could be properly prepared for setting and will thus be established before the dry hot weather of summer comes on.

While preferring spring setting for nearly all fruits, we like this plan for the berry plants and believe we prefer it to setting in spring.

John Elliot Morse.

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Possibilities of the Tin Can.

Every one knows how they accumulate—those old tin cans, that will not burn nor rot—until the stone fence around the back yard is lined with them, and other waste places slowly reveal the reddish brown of their rusty sides. But every one does not know that they may be made useful in many ways.

First of all comes their possible use in the garden. Many plants thrive on deep watering. For this set a can in the ground, letting the top come about an inch above the ground. Before placing the can make a net work of holes in the bottom. It takes but little time to follow the rows and fill the cans, and the added growth of your plants will amply repay the trouble. Nearly all plants can be safely reset if the roots are not disturbed. Place tin cans in a hot oven until the solder runs from them, tie a string around to hold them in place, fill with earth, set on a board, then plant your early seeds, and when you wish to set the plants out of doors simply cut the springs, carefully placing the mass of earth in the prepared holes, and the plant will hardly know that it has been disturbed. Place shallow tins in shady spots, keep them filled with clean water, and gratefully accept the thanks of the birds which will appreciate your thoughtfulness. If, in addition to this, you place other cans among the branches of surrounding trees and fill them with grains, you may accept the daily songs of thanks with smiling pleasure.

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Discarded cans are of great value in a poultry house. To make a water dish, take a large tin can and a shallow basin which just fits over the top. Make three or four nail holes in the can slightly below the level of the top of the basin, fill the can with water and invert in the basin. Tack cans along the sides of the pen to hold oyster shells, grit, charcoal, etc.

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FARM NOTES



Interesting Boys in Corn Growing.

Some years ago the Farmers' Institute of Macoupen County, Ill., offered a bicycle prize for the best ten ears of corn grown by a boy within the county. The prize went to the fourteen-year-old son of a poor widow. The idea spread, until the governor and other citizens became interested, and many parties offered prizes throughout the state, one person giving a prize of a \$100 Holstein cow for the best ten ears. The carefully selected seed was sent out to seventeen thousand boys. Now, at the St. Louis Fair, eight thousand boys of Illinois are represented by their exhibits of ten ears of corn each. There are eighty thousand ears of prime seed corn, almost enough to furnish seed for the entire corn planting in the State for another year. And, better than that, there are eight thousand boys deeply interested in the best methods of growing good corn crops, and probably more than twice that number, who are fully determined that they will succeed in doing as well in some future year as have any of those who exhibit this year. We may expect to see our next census show a large increase in the amount of corn produced per acre in Illinois as a result of the efforts of these boys, and, perhaps, their fathers or neighbors, who will not be satisfied until they can do as well in their fields as the boys do in their small patches. When scientific methods begin to be employed by the boys in producing any crop, the men are ashamed to be less successful, even though they have to learn from those so much younger than they are.

Farming on High Priced Land.

Colman's Rural World says American farmers have a great deal to do yet to place them on an equal professional footing with the farmers of other countries. Frequently it is asserted that fine farms near our large towns are worth so much that they cannot be profitably cultivated. In the face of this assertion the records show that very few farms near our largest markets sell for more than \$100 per acre. There may be some good reason why a farmer owning 150 acres of land, worth \$100 per acre, right alongside of growing markets that regularly take all its products, cannot make his farm pay, but that reason is not easy to see. In European countries, such as Holland, Denmark, and others, a farmer owning five to ten acres of land rated at \$600 to \$1,000 per acre, makes a living right along, and in a great majority of cases lays by a sum of money each year.

Cement Fence Posts.

Make your fence posts out of cement. Take two parts of good clean sand and one part of any cement, such as is used for making sidewalks; mix dry, then add water until it is about the consistency of thin mortar, and mold in a box. Put wire in the mold first, and remember that the closer this wire is to the outer edge, the stronger the post. Fasten the fence to the posts with a fine wire and there is no patent that can stop you. I have made a telephone pole twenty-five feet long of cement and have it in use. The wires are placed in the corners of it. The cement post will bear all the strain the wires placed upon it will bear. The post will last indefinitely, continuing to grow harder for a year. —J. C. Boyle in Wallace's Farmer.

Watch the Weather.

Jersey Bulletin says buttermakers, and also cheese makers, should watch the weather closely each evening before retiring at this season of the year. The ripening or souring of cream or milk is often a cause for wonder because the temperature is undergoing an unsteady gradation from high to low, and the consequence is the milk or cream is either too sour or else not sufficiently ripe. By taking an observation the evening before the makers can regulate conditions so as to have the cream in the right condition for churning the following morning.

Money in a Dairy.

Look at the Danish farmer, says a dairy writer. He is prosperous because he is a dairyman. He lives on soil possessed of far less fertility than the land in the middle west. He cannot even raise all his own feed, but buys large quantities of oil meal and other farm products from the United States, and still he makes money and prospers. Rightly managed there is money in the dairy; truly there is plenty of work as well, but nobody can get something for nothing.

Experiments recently made in France for the purpose of ascertaining the nutritive value of salt for sheep, show that sheep which had been fed salt gained in weight four and one-half pounds more than those which received no salt. Moreover, the sheep which received salt produced one and three-fourths pounds more wool and of a better quality than those which received no salt.

The Poultryman's Alphabet.

Avoid overcrowding of fowls in small quarters.
Beware of drafts of cold air or cracks in henhouse walls.
Clean poultry buildings and yards thoroughly and frequently.
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Furnish an ample supply of grit and crushed oyster shells.
Green bone, finely cut, affords an ideal food both for tiny chicks or mature fowls.
Have plenty of nice clean nests, to prevent dirty eggs, to which even careful washing cannot restore their lost daintiness and freshness of aspect.
Insecticides faithfully used will expel lice.
Jolting to market over rough roads won't crack eggs—if in up-to-date egg crates.
Keep dusting boxes well filled and handy.
Lime should be frequently scattered about the yard and don't lose the white wash brush.
Mulberries or plums growing in poultry yards yield a welcome addition to Biddy's bill of fare.
Neatness and cleanliness must never be neglected.
Oats aid greatly in filling the egg basket.
Pure drinking water should be freely supplied at all times.
Quarrelsome, spiteful stock should be promptly disposed of.
Rub roosts often with coal oil to dislodge mites.
Strew grain in litter to give the hens exercise scratching it out.
Tobacco smoke will help to rid hen houses of lice.
Use coppers now and then in the drinking water.
Variety of food gives new zest to the hens' appetites.
Well may you shun overfeeding, the too fat hen being a distinct failure as a layer, yet fowls enjoy eating while underfeeding profits neither hen nor master.
Xystos was in ancient architecture an open court (though often covered) for athletic exercises, such as wrestling or running. The modern hen enjoys her xystos, in the shape of a scratching shed annex to the south side of the henry.
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her task, and the shock with which she always descended from these flights on to the lower levels of existence was more painful than usual when she found herself ringing Herr Hofmeyer's bell.

She sent up her card, and after waiting for some time in the parents' parlor was shown upstairs to the studio, or, as she described it to herself, that "laboratory of ugliness."

The man she found in possession was not Herr Hofmeyer, however, and he was evidently painting something that he saw through the window, and had his back toward the door. He did not move as she entered.

"Pardon—a moment. I've just got it," he murmured.

She had the fullest sympathy with such absorption, and remained quietly standing in the middle of the room.

She glanced round at the vacuous Madonnas in their derivative poses and their robes of mutually destructive color. The grossly varnished surfaces gave her a sensation of physical sickness.

And it was that she also might produce such things—that she might desecrate beauty by this blasphemy of tinted treacles—that she was there!

Her eye, to its immense comfort, lit on an unpretentious little canvas, stuck inconspicuously among the others.

It seemed delicate, vague. She crossed, with impulsive delight, to examine it. It was an impressionist study of a misty morning.

Living, as she did, far from art centers, and in a bourgeois set, she had not even heard of the impressionist school. She thought that this specimen of it was one of Herr Hofmeyer's unfinished landscapes.

"Oh, why does he ever finish them?" she sighed. "Up to this point they are right."

The artist had seen exactly what she saw. This was the record of that first, vague, all embracing flash of vision, which found her merely receptive.

With her the vision had to sink into the soul, there to be brooded over, transmuted, crystallized. But as a presentment of that first step in the process it was wonderful—it was true!

The worker at the easel had now got what he was trying for. He had come up and was looking over her shoulder.

"You are interested?" he said at last.

"Oh, yes! I have seen it, too," she answered simply. "But how can any one who has seen this end by seeing that?" and she pointed to a vulgarized and realistic treatment of the same subject in Herr Hofmeyer's more familiar style.

"Here, Morning is a fairy princess; there, she is a fat, overdressed woman."

"I'm glad you like the little thing," the stranger laughed, "though you're hard on poor Hofmeyer. It doesn't seem fair to be abusing the dear old fellow in his own studio."

Elizabeth looked full at the speaker for the first time, and the pleasure in her eyes did not fade.

He was a handsome man; indeed, such a flawless example of the blond, square-shouldered type of masculine beauty that his individual charm, which was an elusive one of expression, did not count for most people.

But it was the one Elizabeth's eye flew straight to.

"Would you care to look at what I was trying for when you came in? Perhaps you have seen that, too."

Crossing to the easel they stood before an alley of chestnuts in May.

"Oh, yes! this morning, coming here." And she smiled to him, frankly glad.

The scene was not as she would have recorded it. The blossoming candles were only a blur.

The trees that in her rendering would have risen symmetrically to form the pillars of her aisle leaned this way and that in his.

Yet she realized that had she never seen the alley, only the canvas before her, she would have had the material from which to shape her ordered result.

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Elizabeth had indeed started for the clock in the market tower had reminded her of the object of her visit, and, with the tightening of the lips that always accompanied her jarring descents upon prose, she stepped back and drew herself together.

"I came to see Herr Hofmeyer on business," she said, "and already it is time to go. I forgot how the minutes were passing."

"So did I. But as Herr Hofmeyer is confined to his room, and your visit would in any case, have failed in its object, you mustn't grudge the pleasure it has given me. If I could be of any service—in delivering a message, perhaps—I have been acting as a sort of understudy—running the studio, more or less, since Herr Hofmeyer broke down."

"I hope his illness is not serious. It is very sudden. He was well yesterday. I will have to wait till he has recovered. Oh, no; it is not urgent."

Then, ashamed of her relief, and thinking to bind herself to the bitter task, she went on: "I came to ask him to give me lessons."

"You did?"
The astonishment, the remonstrance of the tone, tempted her to explain.

She was one of the people who speak direct, or not at all. When out of touch with the temperaments around her, she was silent; when in touch she spoke the truth of her soul.

"Herr Hofmeyer's method is painful to me, but I wish to learn it. I am one of the Blumenthals who keep the girls' school in the Taubenstrasse. My sisters are very unselfish, and do far more than their share of the work. In fact, I only teach drawing—it is the only thing I can do; and, of late, it has seemed as if I couldn't even do that."

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"You say four of your pupils have left you this month. But, Fraulein, this is tragic! Hofmeyer hasn't been teaching. It is I who have taken your pupils from you—I—Mein Gott! And I thought it such a joke!"

"I enjoyed the fun—the absurdity—of playing the serious art of instructor to a lot of giggling schoolgirls. Don't you see! I was passing through the town, and paid my old professor a flying visit."

"The poor fellow had just collapsed, and was so worried about his classes and things that I stayed on to see him through. It doesn't matter where I work. This studio is as good as any other."

No wonder they threw you over; the whole thing was a farce. I didn't even try to teach them. You know as well as I do it would have been no earthly use to try, so I just let them dab away, and told yarns and made myself agreeable.

"And this is the result! Ach, Fraulein, from my heart I am sorry! But you shall have your pupils back. The little wretches! If I had known!"

He paused a moment, wrinkling his brows in thought.

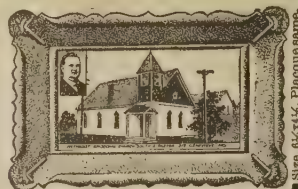
"Perhaps if I called on the mammas? 'I'm not an octogenarian, and I would look as dangerous as I could.'

"No?" (with a questioning smile, for Elizabeth had shaken her head.) "You think they would consider me quite safe."

I daresay they would. Though not absolutely decrepit, I certainly have a reassuring number of grayhairs. And you mean to say the young villains never told you about Hofmeyer's illness? But the governess who brought them?"

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sort. The English boarder who accompanied them yesterday might certainly, from various remarks she made, have roused our suspicions."

"Were they very—severe?" The question was put anxiously.

"No, not very," Elizabeth answered, with the ghost of a smile. "She was prepossessed in your favor."

"It's more than I am in my own. And now I seem to be too stupid to find a way out of the mess. I do see one, and, if there's no other, of course, I will take it. I could leave the town tomorrow—it's what I ought to do—and then it would at least be a fair fight between you and the professor."

Elizabeth opened her lips to speak but paused, clasping and unclasping her hands, as she had a habit of doing when agitated.

"There is a better way than that," she at last ventured. "It is your method, that has attracted them, you see. If I could learn that! But I know I ask too much. And if I were clever enough to acquire it, should have such an advantage over the Herr Professor that it would not be a fair fight after all. I fear I ought not to propose this."

"Fraulein, you make me proud and ashamed in one. Nothing would give me greater happiness I—mean it—than to teach you my poor tricks, but I must be honest. Why do you make people honest? It is a terrible power. The trick, in this case, didn't all lie in the painting. Not at all in the painting, indeed. It lay in my deplorable want of conscience. The lesson was the merest—the most shameless farce."

"It must have been better than you imagine. You have, no doubt, the knack of inspiring interest."

The young man reddened. The type of interest he had inspired was, he knew very well, not the one meant by Elizabeth, but his honesty broke down before the duty of making the difference plain to those beautiful, earnest eyes.

"Yes, I know," she went on, "the method itself is not everything. There is a knack of imparting it. If you would not mind my looking on while you give your lesson, I could escort the girls myself, to-morrow."

The deputy professor was cornered. He felt that he could not refuse, so he agreed as cordially as he could.

As he stood at the window watching Elizabeth disappear down the alley, he laughed curiously.

"My sins have found me out with a vengeance," he muttered. "But I've a whole day to prepare my part in; and, at least, I shall see her again. Meanwhile—"

He stuck a bit of canvas on the easel, and dropping into a chair in front of it, gazed at it until he seemed hypnotized. Then he rose, and picked up his late visitor's calling card.

"Elizabeth, by good luck! Saint Elizabeth." And for the rest of that day the world held nothing for him but a vision and his square foot of canvas.

Nor was Elizabeth's concentration any less, though, with her tardier creative impulse, the result was longer in coming. She kept the events of the day to herself, merely announcing at breakfast next morning that she meant to accompany Herr Hofmeyer's pupils to his studio, and that the hour for her own class would be altered in consequence.

When she came downstairs in her pearl gray gown and bonnet, the professor's following was not standing ready in the hall, as it ought to have been.

"You need not wait for Martha," Anna came out of the kitchen to say. "she has had such a bad headache that I told her to go and lie down."

Fraulein Olga, the second sister, appeared at the door of the French room.

"Dora cannot go today. She had such a dreadful toothache that I sent her to bed. And Mariechen is complaining of sore throat. She's rather flushed, so it might be safer to keep her in the house. She doesn't seem well at all."

The under governess came along the corridor. "Lina says she is feeling very sick. Shall I send her to her room? She is really very pale."

"Is that studio, then, a seat of diseases!" exclaimed Anna, whose return to the kitchen had been arrested by this fourfold coincidence. "Have you caught the influenza there? But, no; tooth-

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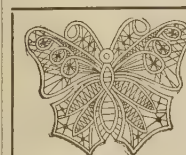
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"I will take the lesson myself." "That is an idea. And you might go round for the dentist, and make an appointment for Dora to go there this afternoon. The doctor, too, had better come. You can leave a message for him."

Elizabeth smiled, and went direct to the studio.

She turned down the chestnut alley, and entered her cathedral again, and, in a flash, a certain vision upon which she had been brooding ever since her interview of yesterday crystallized and took form. The cathedral had got its altarpiece. With a curious, glad awe she moved onward, gazing at the aureoled head.

And the original of Elizabeth's altarpiece?

He was at that moment awaiting her miserably in a frock coat belonging to Herr Hofmeyer, and scowling for all he was worth behind a pair of smoked spectacles.

Between the ring at the bell and her admission to the studio he had bowed repeatedly to the door.

But when she entered alone, and stood gazing at him in open dismay, his professional manner collapsed.

"They haven't come? Gott sie Dank! I can again enjoy the luxury of clear vision." And he whipped off his spectacles.

With a glance at his coat, he added, "And since to you, Fraulein, the apparel, I am sure, is not needed to proclaim the man, I will take the liberty of withdrawing, that I may present myself in something less ample and academic."

When he returned he saw that Elizabeth had been laughing. He was much relieved, and laughed genially himself.

"Now, Fraulein, do you marvel at my success?"

"Ach, no! I, also, would have moved mountains for such an edifying sight."

"Forget it, I treat you."

But a rare spirit of mischief had suddenly seized Elizabeth.

"Forget it! It is imprinted forever on my brain. It has made of me, too, an impressionist," and, talking up a bit of charcoal, she ran to a blank canvas, and rapidly made her first and last caricature.

"Fraulein, you are cruel! See I heap coals of fire on your head." And he led her to his easel.

She saw herself on a balcony, leaning over to fill her lap with roses which clambered up the wall. Beneath, lay a flower-strewn valley engirt by sheltering hills. It was so she had stooped to pull the lilac.

"That is my vision of Saint Elizabeth."

"Ah, no! It is too beautiful," she whispered.

"That is my vision," he repeated, with tender reverence.

As Elizabeth's heart was new to that quality of tone, it beat rather strangely. The unemotional footing on which she had hitherto met the few men thrown in her way was crumbling beneath her. She tried to recover balance by a change of subject.

"Your pupils were all ill today. My sister, whose wrath I haven't let loose upon them yet, asked me to go round by the doctor's, and they are, doubtless, in their rooms at present expecting him."

"Poor wretches! And I go free."

"You think so? After the coat and the spectacles?"

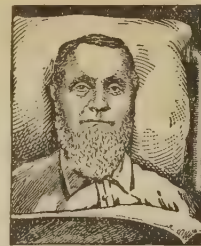
"Well, no. You ease my conscience. You have punished us pretty equally. For a saint you are surprisingly vindictive; but you have made me happier."

This was a fact. He was very much relieved indeed that Elizabeth seemed now to understand his role in the comedy.

It made him feel an honest man, and fit for a truer part.

"I am not sure, now, that I want to learn your method of teaching. It cannot be so very good, since you felt compelled to break away from it so suddenly, and with the aid of such a disguise," she continued, with demure malice.

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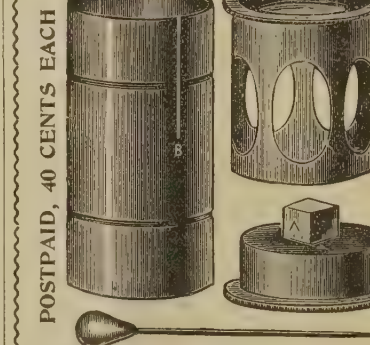
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There was a long—to Elizabeth a terrible—silence—which was broken by a jubilant voice.

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"Rudolf Von Stein?" murmured Elizabeth, paling. In the capitals of Europe the name was a household word. Even to remote Engellau it had traveled vaguely.

"You are the famous Von Stein?" There was worship, almost fear, in her voice, and she recoiled a step from him.

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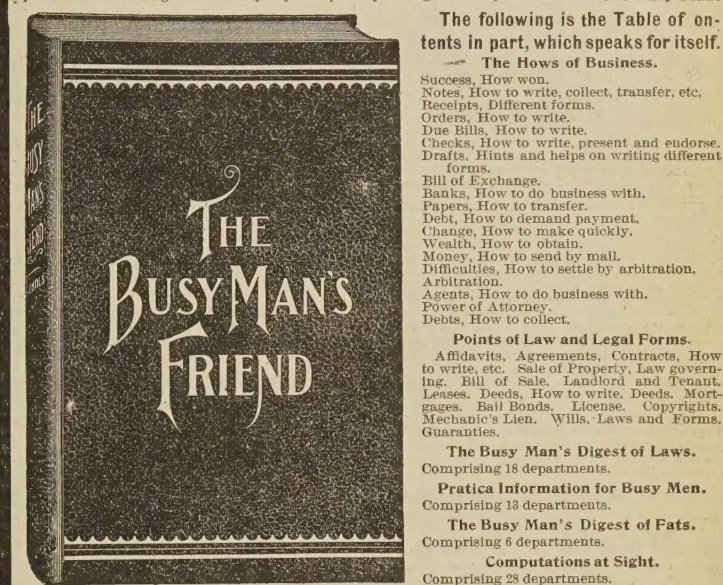
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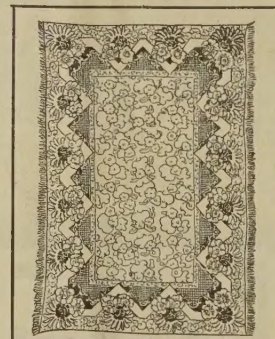
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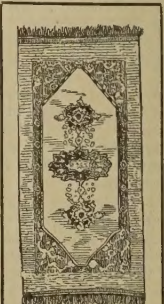
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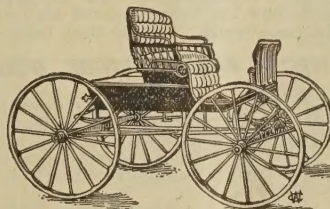
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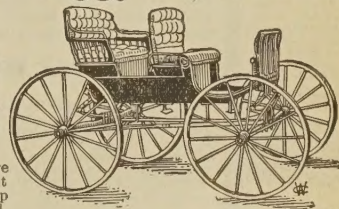
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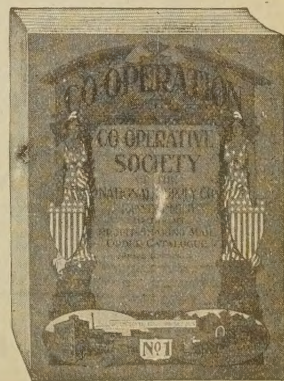
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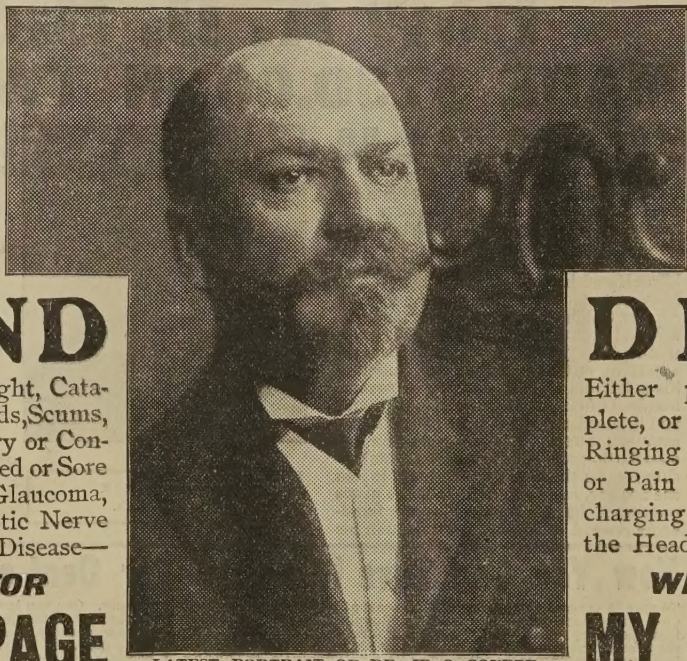
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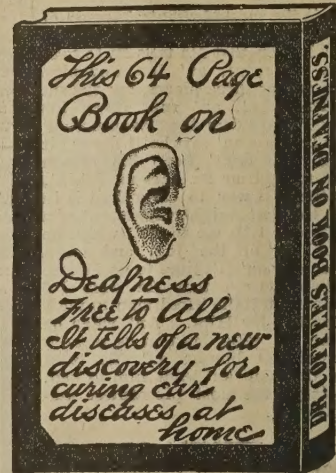
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Above picture shows the location and curl of the Auditory Nerve which, if completely destroyed, means total deafness. If only partly destroyed, hearing can be restored with my treatment.

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